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FRENCH RECOGNITION OF PEKING REGIME LIKELY IN NEAR FUTURE

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

London, June 12.—Reports that France intends shortly to recognise the Communist Government of China in Peking have been circulating recently among diplomats.

The issue gained importance since France would certainly vote in favour of the Communist delegates for China in the Security Council once she had granted recognition.

The speech of M. Chauvel, the French delegate to the United Nations, given before leaving Paris to take up his appointment as ambassador in New York, is being interpreted as a hint that France will soon recognise the Peking Government.

There have been other signs. In a recent interview, M. Mollet, the French Ambassador in London, was pressed to admit that the French recognition of the Peking Government was another question to be settled on another plane.

It is well known that France had prepared the way to recognise the Peking Government almost at the same time as Britain. This recognition was slightly delayed in order to coincide with the British and American recognitions of the regime under French sponsorship in Vietnam.

ALIENATED

But by the time the Anglo-Saxon Countries had decided on this recognition, the Communists of China had deliberately alienated the French Government by recognising the Communist movement of Ho Chi-minh and requisitioned the property of the French Embassy in Peking itself.

The reasons behind this deliberate alienation of French opinion are as mysterious as all Communist diplomacy. The best supposition is that the Chinese are acting under Russian insistence in accordance with the resolution of the Far Eastern Conference.

During last winter, the Russians were most eager that China's new government should not find an easy route into international diplomacy and the United Nations through recognition by Western powers.

Certainly, until Mao Tse-tung returned from his talks with Stalin, Soviet Union wanted to be new China's only friend.

Hence, apparently, the manoeuvre to prevent recognition by France.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK

According to private information here, dealings between the Chinese in Shanghai and a leading French bank in the Far East have recently been suddenly reopened.

The small French business community trading with China is now adopting much the same attitude of optimism as was taken by the British business community a year ago. They want to try their hand in Communist China to see whether they cannot obtain better relations than either of the big western powers.

It is hard to see how France can logically look for the inclusion of the Communist Chinese delegate in the Security Council without formally recognising the Peking Government.

But France would, in fact, be operating in that way—at the same time realising that the United Nations are avoiding giving encouragement to her Communist enemies in the war in Indo-China. It is this last consideration more than any other which delays French recognition of Peking which may not occur immediately.

She Told His Fortune

Paris, June 12.—Juliette Pluta, a fortune-teller, told the judge today that the read in the cards a few weeks ago that her husband would receive a serious head injury. That probably was why, she explained, she struck him with a wooden club.

She was ordered held for examination.—United Press.

"Good Old Winnie!"



Mr. Churchill at Windsor earlier this month when his Canyon Kid won the first race. Picture shows Winston chatting with his jockey in the paddock before the race. (London Express Service).

Central Figure In Amerasia Case Refuses To Talk

Washington, June 12.—Philip Jaffe, central figure in the notorious 1945 Amerasia stolen documents case, today refused to answer Senate questions about the affair and was promptly threatened with possible prosecution for contempt.

The Russian-born New York greeting-card manufacturer, who pleaded that his answers might incriminate him, also refused to say whether he had ever been a Communist.

He appeared before a Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee today to answer questions about the case. Jaffe refused to answer questions about the case. Jaffe refused to answer questions about the case. Jaffe refused to answer questions about the case.

The acting Committee chairman, Theodore Green, who called the 45-minute session "most futile," immediately ordered the Committee to draft a report on the possibility of successfully pushing contempt action against Jaffe.

Senator Green said subcommittee members would decide whether to take action against Jaffe on the basis of Mr. Morgan's report. He added that Jaffe had even refused to say whether he had appeared before the "runaway" Grand Jury investigating the Amerasia case in New York.

Jaffe was represented by two lawyers, O. John Rogge, formerly of the Justice Department, and Herbert Fabricant. After the hearing, Mr. Rogge said his client had been caused to go back to New York but might be recalled later. Jaffe refused to discuss the case with newsmen, either before or after the session.

Senator Green said one question witness refused to answer concerned Owen Lattimore, Baltimore professor and principal target of the Red charges hurled against the State Department by Senator Joseph McCarthy.

"WHITEWASHED"

The Amerasia case involved the theft of hundreds of secret military and diplomatic papers which were found in the New York offices of the magazine Amerasia, a publication, now defunct, on Far Eastern affairs. Six persons were arrested, but only Jaffe and Emanuel Laroche were penalised, the former being fined US\$2,500 and the latter \$500.

The Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee, investigating charges that the case was "whitewashed," called Jaffe in an effort to clear up the mystery, Senator Green said, "however, that witness answered only a few elementary questions."

British Labour Party Rejects Idea Of European Union

London, June 12.—The Labour leaders for the first time today openly rejected current schemes for the complete political and economic union of Europe.

It turned down any idea of taking part in a European Parliament with legislative powers, and in effect repudiated British participation in any European experiment not founded broadly on Socialist principles.

Never Entered Their Heads

Washington, June 12.—The State Department said somewhat angrily today that it was not using wild women at parties to influence Congressmen.

Its indignation was aroused by a press report on a party given by the State Department, which said the party was attended by women seeking to cajole Congressional votes was carried on surreptitiously and cost the taxpayers a lot of money.

The department said it was giving parties, but they were serious affairs limited to foreign policy discussions.—United Press.

Pacific Pact Imperative

Ottawa, June 12.—The Australian Air Minister, Mr. P. W. White, told the press today that a Pacific defence pact was imperative because Asian nations "cannot stand alone" against the sweep of Communism in South-East Asia.

All the free nations of the world must co-operate if the march of Communism in the East is to be halted.

Any arrangements for a Pacific pact should include provisions for the interchange of military personnel among signatory nations such as now exist between the Australian and British Air Forces, he continued. Such a plan, if carried out, would also with Canada and the United States, would tend to strengthen Empire relations.

Mr. White is in Canada for the International Civil Aviation Organisation Assembly in Montreal. He said there was little chance for the sale to Australia of Canada's twin-engine jet fighter, the CF-100. The Australian Air Force planned to use Britain's single-engine Hawkers and the twin-engine Canberra bomber.—United Press.

Bombshell Thrown At "Peace" Conference

Vienna, June 12.—Professor Hans Thirring, Austria's leading atomic scientist, threw down a challenge to Eastern European delegates to secure from their leaders pledges of freedom for their peoples and "practical proofs of their own humanity" at a session of the Communist-organised peace conference here.

When the full texts of speeches made at yesterday's session were published here today, it became clear that Professor Thirring, who was elected a member of the Council's Committee, had dropped a bomb-shell on the conference.

According to these reports he faced the Eastern European delegates on the platform and declared, "You must understand that millions of anxious people know that in the Soviet Union and in the People's Democracies strict military organisations exist and that spokesmen of these countries carry on an unprincipled, self-serving campaign against the Governments of the rest of the world."

"Further, every first of May the whole world can view with amazement pictures and reports showing indescribable military parades with the most modern tanks, bombers and frightful flame throwers and other weapons taking place in Moscow of all places."

"Is it to be wondered at if the people of the West, intimidated by this sort of sabre rattling and said, 'The Soviet Army had peace offer from the East?'"

Professor Thirring asked the

NO WAR

The Czechoslovak Health Minister, M. Josef Poljar, after a quick consultation with the Russian delegate, declared in reply that neither Russia nor the other East European States would "make one single step over their own frontiers for an aggressive war."

Amid cheers he told the delegates, "On the basis of our so-called Eastern ideology we are convinced that the new Socialist world does not need a war, and will certainly not start a war."

The Russian delegate, M. Anatol Safonov, followed him and said, "The Soviet Army had peace offer from the East?"

Professor Thirring asked the

ANOTHER ANGLE ON 70 PLANES

From Our Own Correspondent

London, June 12.—Mr. Walter Fletcher, M. P., will suggest in a question he is putting to the Foreign Secretary on Wednesday that the 70 planes at Kat Tak airport should be held as security for debts owed by the Chinese Communist Government.

Mr. Fletcher implies in his question that since the planes have been adjudged the property of Peking Government as rightful successors to the Kuomintang Government, the debts of the Kuomintang Government should also be borne by the Communist Government. So that money owing as compensation to Britain for the riots in Canton in 1948 should now be paid by the Peking Government. The planes should not leave Kat Tak until the debts are paid.

Locust Plague In India

New Delhi, June 12.—Screaming clouds of locusts swarmed in millions over central India today in columns four miles long and thick enough to slow a railway train. The government, anticipating a further invasion from the west, ordered jeeps, trucks and trains loaded with poison to fan through the area to combat the pests and save crops.

Passengers arriving by rail at Jabalpur said their train was "buffeted about" by two swarms three and four miles long and 80 feet thick. They said it took the speeding train ten minutes to "tunnel through" the swarms as the locomotive slipped on the tracks made slippery by masses of the insects crushed beneath the wheels.—United Press.

Darjeeling Cyclone

Calcutta, June 12.—Landslides caused by a cyclone killed 13 people in the tea garden city of Darjeeling on Saturday and Sunday, according to wireless reports reaching the West Bengal Government today. The reports said that 25 houses had been destroyed and that troops and police were helping the townsfolk in rescue work.

The storm cut off all telephones and telegraph communications between Calcutta and Darjeeling, summer capital of the West Bengal Government, 300 miles north of Calcutta.—Reuters.

Gen. Smuts Has Quiet Day

Pretoria, June 12.—Field-Marshal Jan. Christian Smuts spent a quiet day today after a restless night, but his physicians said his condition remained serious.

Doctors remained in attendance throughout the night at the bedside of the famous statesman, who is suffering from sciatica and a pneumonia attack. Mrs. Smuts is the only member of his family permitted to visit the sickroom.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

Penetrate The Veil

RADIO Hongkong has just been greeted with the most singular, though presumably quite unintentional compliment that we can recall. Not that there was anything particularly subtle about it. Rather the other way round: the declared resolve of the Communist coterie in Peking to set up equipment in Canton and other parts of China for the purpose of jamming broadcasting stations, Radio Hongkong being specifically mentioned as among those selected for interference. What the Colony has done to deserve this special treatment remained undefined, and for those versed in local radio affairs it is far from easy to appreciate. Were things as they should be, certainly, it might then be regarded as a welcome contrast to the bitter growls which occasionally emanate from the odd listener—and as a further stimulus to entering heartily into competition. Unfortunately, no shade of self-satisfaction can be regarded, even remotely, as justified. Getting back to an old subject, the deplorable inability of the Colony's transmitter at Hunghom to penetrate the veil, not because of jamming, but because of its trifling output capacity, places the Communist threat into the category of the ludicrous. To stop Radio Hongkong from influencing minds behind the Bamboo Curtain, the Communists do not need a highly expensive installation in Canton. They can sit quietly back and hope that those responsible for deterring efforts to cultivate effectively the Voice of Hongkong by assembling a powerful long-range transmitter, remain in the position to dictate. Existing equipment has a propaganda value outside a fifty-mile limit which varies from negligible to nil. Whether that state of affairs will be perpetuated

is, perhaps, a different story. Cable and Wireless, today responsible for maintenance and technical improvement of all the Colony's tele-communications systems, presumably have some voice in the councils which guide policy, and enjoy a reputation for keeping pace with the times. More important, there is growing awareness of urgency, a keener perception of the opportunities Hongkong has missed, of what Hongkong's place in the scheme of things should be if she were doing her job in this particular niche of the globe. No centre can compare with this Colony in facilities for knowing what is going on over the border, and where rebuttal of Communist propaganda is deemed essential, it is fair to assume that none is better served by experts in dialectical colloquialisms. Singapore is too far away to serve efficiently the democratic cause by putting over the truth at crucial moments. In short, the stepping up of transmission power by Radio Hongkong's station to the region of fifty kilowatts is long overdue, should be treated as a project of the highest priority. Now that Peking is talking openly of a scheme, at great cost to itself, or to Russia which has developed first-class jamming instruments, seeking to prevent reception of the high-powered stations of the United States, as well as Hongkong, the more reason to make it, shall we say, worth their while. Behind this thought is not weariness in the knowledge that several Communist radio stations are regularly pouring news and musical programmes into the Colony, with no prospect at present of our putting the record straight, but the conviction that the greatest barrier to Communism is enlightenment. We should be doing our part.

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WOMANSENSE



Emphasis on plaids and pleats in London's big Fashion Fortnight

LONDON.

A record number of overseas buyers have come to London for the annual Fashion Fortnight. Over two hundred have arrived, and during their two weeks here they will see furs, coats, suits and fashion rainwear. They will attend textile displays, exhibitions of jewellery, model millinery and shoes.

Those who arrived early were able to see the famous Chelsea Flower Show. Those who have any spare time during their crowded two weeks can watch the Trooping of the Colour on the King's Birthday, the Royal Tournament at Earl's Court, and the Royal Horse Show at Richmond.

Those who stay longer in Britain can go to Royal Ascot—the most fashionable of all race meetings.

Apart from the special events planned for the buyers, all the model houses are showing their ranges at the same time, and one of the most representative collections so far seen was that of Marcia. There is typical of the trend in London at the moment—a feeling for pleats and plaids.

SIMPLE CHARM

The main points from the show were: Envelope-pointed pockets; elbow-pointed sleeves; pleated overskirts; horizontal tucking; gold and black printed ottoman and grograin; and double fastening on coats and suits.

A neat cocktail outfit called appropriately "Debutante" consisted of a short jacket and skirt in black ribbed satin. The blouse was of coffee-brown satin, with a stiff white collar, and flowing black chiffon tie. The inside of the jacket was lined in tulle style, with gold and black striped satin.

REFORMATION

At last we seem to have completely emerged from that dim era when all colours were "muted" and all shades "subtle." Brilliant electric and kingfisher blue, grass green and raspberry, cinnamon and yellow ochre are worn, often emphasised by a chiffon tie in startling contrast.

The other dress is in taupe wool, a soft mid-brown shade, almost khaki in appearance. This is a plain dress that relies for attraction on a loose pleated panel and pleated bow falling over the belt. This panel is an immense fan shape when lifted, and gives a graceful movement to the skirt.

FLAP POCKETS

Flare plaids, in all shapes, were there. Coat-tracks with flap pockets and deep box-pleats are again making their appearance, and soft caramel browns are becoming as popular as black as navy. One plaid dress had colours in it ranging from cream to chocolate—very flattering for an older woman who cannot take unadorned black.

The most becoming dresses of all were those with a straight tight skirt, and finely pleated overskirt. Sometimes the overskirt almost met at the back, showing a row of buttons down the skirt. In other dresses, the pleated overskirt was wrapped round finishing with an asymmetrical curve on one side. In all cases, they gave the dress a distinguished look, and a decidedly expensive look!

A colour that is soaring to the top of the fashion chart is petrol. This is a soft blue shade, not grey, not ultramarine, but somewhere between the two.

SEVEN-EIGHTHS

Three-quarter length jackets, and others that were almost seven-eighths, are superseding the hip-length flared jacket. One outfit in cherry and green checked jersey had a double-breasted coat with deep patch pockets. Beneath it was a jump-suit with knitted sleeves, and a knitted turned back.

It had the effect of a waistcoat worn over a long-sleeved sweater—without the bulk this would necessitate.

Quite the most beautiful town dresses seen for a long time were in black ottoman (ribbed silk); or grograin,

LIGHT PINK

Lovell was a cerise and pink lamb's wool double cloth travel coat. The light pink was used for cuffs, collar and front facing.

We saw pony-skin fabric made into a tailored, belted, brown dockin coat with side vents buttoned from waist to hem, opening to show black dockin lining; eighteen buttons fastening a grey classic suit; vast wooden buttons sewn on a country coat with rough string; ticket pockets in wide sleeves; and a windbreaker collar with a tab which slotted through and buttoned the collar over your nose.

MOST UNUSUAL

The most beautiful and unusual outfit was a terracotta duveton coat lined with glittering metal brocade. The coat swung open to show the glittering lining, masked by a brocade suit which shimmered in the electric light.

The silver thread running through it made a small squared pattern, which merged into a metallic sheen. The hat to match this was a silver brocade turban swathed over the hair.

A MATCH FOR YOUR MAKE-UP



New make-up looks in the match for your look. The best matches in appearance they come complete with make-up, hair, and accessories.



Left, plain dress, in taupe wool, that relies for attraction on a loose pleated panel and pleated bow falling over the belt. This panel is an immense fan shape when lifted, and gives a graceful movement to the skirt.

Right, fine grey wool crepe dress, horizontally tucked from neck to hem. Contrary to popular supposition, it does not make the wearer look bulky. The wide flat tucks have a slimming effect on a person of normal proportions.



Let's Eat
BY
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Start off with a big breakfast

"YOU notice Madame," remarked the Chef, "the people down here in Richmond, Virginia, like a good substantial breakfast."

We were in the coffee shop of the John Marshall Hotel looking over the menu card. Before we had a chance to decide on our order the waitress brought two demi-tasse cups of sparkling black coffee.

"A charming custom," remarked the Chef, as he sipped his coffee. "But look at the breakfast dishes, they are substantial enough for luncheon or even dinner."

"It's in keeping with modern dietetics, Chef, that the first meal of the day should be substantial."

"Ah, Smithfield ham, eggs any style, old Virginia spoon bread, cinnamon toast. You wish to have that, Madame, only?"

"Suppose you order it, Chef. I'll have the fried apple and bacon. Let's both have the spoon bread. We might start with grapefruit, and finish with cinnamon toast with our last cup of coffee."

At coffee we were joined by Mr. Gerald Taylor, executive Chef of the John Marshall Hotel.

"We always serve spoon bread," he said. "It's a specialty of the house. Made from water ground whole cornmeal ground right here in Virginia in those little country mills. That's the secret of its fine flavor."

"And what's the secret of the fluffy texture?" I asked.

"Just before we put the spoon bread in the oven, we fold in some beaten egg whites mixed with whipped cream," he explained.

"And this Smithfield ham I already know is a specialty of Virginia," remarked the Chef. "It is very tasty. How do you cook them to get out the excess salt, Monsieur?"

"We soak them overnight, then we par-boil them for an hour in the same water. Then we bake them 45 minutes in a pound, at 350° F. An hour before they are done we skin the hams, and cover them with a rich brown sugar sauce. Then we put them back in the oven until glaze forms."

Slice of Ham

"Do you ever broil a slice of raw Smithfield ham?" I asked.

"Not often, it's too salty; so usually we broil the cooked ham. If a customer insists on it, we sear the raw ham first with boiling water, and then broil it. The fried apple and bacon that you ordered, Mrs. Allen, is a typical Virginia breakfast dish. We use good firm unpeeled tart cooking apples; cut the apple in bite-sized chunks, and fry it until barely tender in a little bacon fat. Just before it's done, we sprinkle over a little sugar. It's always served very hot with bacon. Then come bread or blini."

"Another favourite here is a fish breakfast. Salt mackerel and salt-rope herring, are the

most popular. Both of these fish are soaked overnight to get out the excess salt. We broil the mackerel slowly, and dress it with a butter sauce. The rope herring we sometimes broil, sometimes fry. Some people order hashed creamed potatoes to eat with them, others like spoon bread."

Dinner

Onion Soup Pickles
Virginia Spoon Bread
Broiled Ham Slice
Parsnip Patties
Escalloped Tomatoes with Carrots
Southern Ginger Bread
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)
All Measurements are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Virginia Spoon Bread
Measure 1 1/4 c. water ground (or enriched) cornmeal into a large bowl. Stir in 1 tsp. salt, 2 tbs. flour, 3 tsp. baking powder and 4 tbs. butter or margarine. Stir in 1 qt. boiling water. Beat 1/2 c. cream light. Add 2 beaten egg yolks and fold in. Transfer to an oiled 2-qt. baking dish and bake uncovered 50 min. In a moderate oven, 375° F. Serve warm. Enough for two meals. Reheat in a slow oven.

Parsnip Patties
Boil or pressure-cook 2 lbs. parsnips. Drain and plunge into cold water when the skins will slip off easily. Mash the parsnips, add 3 tbs. butter or margarine, 1 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. pepper and 1 tsp. flour. Cool and shape into flat round cakes containing 1 tbs. each. Roll in flour and fry on both sides on a griddle or heavy frying pan. Bacon fat when used for frying gives an excellent flavour.

Escalloped Tomatoes With Carrots
Boil or pressure-cook 1 lb. young tender carrots. Butter or margarine a 3-pt. baking dish. Open 1 (No. 2 1/2) tin solid pack tomatoes. Add 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. pepper and 1/2 tsp. ground clove. Put a layer of the tomatoes on the bottom of the dish; add a layer of the cooked carrots sliced, 1/4 c. fine-crumbled bread then one of tomato, and continue until the dish is filled. Dot with bits of butter or margarine, and cover with a thin layer of fine dry bread crumbs moistened with melted butter or margarine. Bake from 30 to 40 min. in a moderate oven, 375° F.

Southern Ginger Bread
Stir 1/2 c. butter or margarine until creamy with 4 tbs. sugar and 1 whole egg. Cream until fluffy. Then add 1 c. molasses. Sift together 2 1/4 c. enriched flour, 1 tsp. baking soda, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. cinnamon and 2 tsp. ginger. Add alternately to the first mixture with 1 c. boiling water. Transfer to an oiled 7 in. x 11 in. baking pan and bake in a moderate oven, 350 to 375° F. about 35 min., or until it shrinks from the sides of the pan and is golden brown on top. Serve warm with raisin sauce.

Bride's Satin and Net



By PRUNELLA WOOD

Tailored Woman

THIS bridal gown is handsome and dignified as any given it, and its skirt is daytime length. To be sure, an overskirt of white cable net reaches the toes in front, and behind sweeps out into a very grand train indeed. There is no trimming at all for the bodice; even buttons and cuffs are of the satin. But the net overskirt is tufted with rolled white chenille appliques and the white satin pillow has its tulle veil attached by a cluster of the chenille rosettes.

Haberdashery Sparkles

By JOAN DALE

HABERDASHERY WEEK. Lots of bright ideas are creeping into the haberdashery departments in this part of the world these days. Buttons are specially matched to a well-known range of knitting wools. Mothers who find rubber panties difficult to take on and off their babies over bunched nappies will like a new model with **easy fasteners**, which can be put on in one minute. In pink or blue.

Rubber play aprons, with a big front pocket full of coloured chalks, will keep a baby clean and occupied for hours. In two sizes.

Oil-silk household aprons, in blue, yellow or red with gay white spots can be bought and washed make-up bands—so useful for keeping cream and powder out of your hair.

The motorist will find something to interest him, too, as spoke brushes for cleaning his car, and for the gardener there are riding hammocks and outdoor 2ft-wide garden brooms. Latest-fashion narrow pastel belts.

For men there are some interesting new trunks and vests in a pale blue material which has great elasticity and doesn't need ironing; made up to suit sizes.

WHAT NEXT?



TELEVISION fans in the area of London saw Frances Day singing and chatting from a suds-filled bathtub during a programme. The cameras conveniently faded out when Frances jumped behind a screen to dry herself. (Acme)

P.O. Doesn't Like Woodpeckers

In their fight against the tap-tap of the green and greater spotted woodpeckers, who cause considerable damage to the six million or more telegraph poles scattered throughout Britain, the engineers of the General Post Office are pinning their hopes of final victory on silencing the hum of the overhead wires.

Some time ago they had a conference with experienced bird fanciers, who suggested that in their search for suitable nesting sites the woodpeckers had mistaken the humming of the wires overhead in a slight breeze for the activity of wild bees they thought were deep down in the cracks of the poles.

Checks were made on a number of "noisy poles" and reason after reason they were found to have been systematically attacked by the woodpeckers, who are partial to wild bees time after time. A few of the poles were so badly pecked that they had to be replaced with new ones.

Similarly, tests were made with the silent variety of pole, and it was seen that these had been untouched by the woodpeckers.

ON INCREASE

Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire and Essex were the areas suffering most from the depredations of the woodpecker, so the research engineers set busy. Lead strips were lapped spirally over the first ten inches of wire and over the insulators between each pair of posts. The result was that the familiar humming sound was eliminated and the poles ignored by the birds.

The experimenters, however, are risking no premature hails of victory. For the last few years, green woodpeckers have been on the increase, suitable rolling trees as havens for wild bees and nesting sites for the woodpecker have decreased, so that, humming or no humming, the woodpecker may be driven to further onslaughts on telegraph poles. But the P.O. engineers are hopeful of ultimate triumph.

NESTING HOLE

The woodpeckers search every spring and summer for old timber, preferably dead or rotten, and hawks out a nesting hole. Often they express a particular preference for certain telegraph poles by regular pecking, resulting in holes often with openings up to four inches in diameter and as deep as eight inches. P.O. engineers had for a long time been puzzled at the appearance of these scars, but it was not until 1952 that woodpeckers were found to be responsible.

Bamboo Trees Are Thriving In Cornwall

(By Our Own Correspondent)

LONDON, June 2.

A small advertisement in a Cornish local newspaper early in the war was the first step in the building of an industry which today holds out the promise that Britain will shortly be able to grow all the bamboo it needs, making it independent of the Chinese market.

The advertiser was Mr F. Nettleinghame, a Cornishman, and the story of the development of the British bamboo industry really began when he bought a property known as St Benet's Abbey, in his home county. Part of the estate was devoted to a roadhouse business, while the rest, on which a good deal of bamboo grew naturally, was turned into a nursery.

The war killed the roadhouse business almost before it had started. Disheartened, Mr Nettleinghame decided to sell what he could of the chattels on the estate and quit business altogether.

It was while he was inspecting his assets with a view to disposing of them that he remembered the bamboo, which he had had the foresight to divide up and plant out. He looked around for a buyer, but found nobody who was willing to take the lot. He did, however, receive many orders for canes that were cut to specified lengths.

HUGE MARKET

The orders he received convinced him that there was a huge and permanent market. But he had enough bamboo trees—there were enough bamboo trees in the whole country—to satisfy this demand? The advertisement, seeking permission to cut down other people's bamboo trees, was just the first step.

The advertisement yielded heartening results. Bamboo trees can be a nuisance in a garden, and many people in the West Country were only too glad of the offer to take them away. But at first Mr Nettleinghame was only interested in buying canes—the acquisition of root stock came later.

"There are perhaps 30 species of Bambusa that grow well in England," Mr Nettleinghame told me. "Several of them are

more decorative than useful. The dwarf variegated one is an instance, and the Bambusa palmata is another. We once bought a clump of what was held out to be Bambusa fastuosa from a leading firm in such matters. They stated it would grow 25 feet in a year. We hoped much from it. If it did grow 25 feet in a year, it did it downward, for above ground it died fastuosa!"

"But since we went into cultivation seriously on a large scale we have laid down many groves of fastuosa, and have grown canes 25 feet high and two inches in diameter. We have a number of other varieties that will produce longer canes up to 30 and 33 feet, but two inches diameter represents the fastest."

Mr Nettleinghame accounts for this limitation on diameter by the fact that there are no root stocks of the thicker varieties of bamboo in this country. But if they were imported, he believes they would grow just as high and thick as they do in their native ground.

FANTASTIC

Mr Nettleinghame is extremely vocal in the praise of bamboo as a commercial proposition.

"The value per acre of canes compared with timber seems fantastic," he said. "The incremental value of canes per acre is astronomical. At perfection of cultivation, 25,000,000 half-inch canes could be grown to the acre. Even without intensive cultivation we do not expect to achieve that number. We shall be satisfied when we reach 10 percent of it. That means two and a half million canes an acre, and in some of our early plantings we are in measure of achieving this figure."

Despite the virtual closing of the Chinese market, there are still large stocks of Chinese canes in this country, but they are rapidly being drawn upon. Users of canes have become accustomed to buying only Chinese canes that they tend to look upon the British product with a certain amount of suspicion, and one of Mr Nettleinghame's hardest jobs is to persuade them that British canes are equally as good as those from the East.

OFFICIAL TESTS

Official tests have shown that British canes are as strong as those from China—it is, Mr Nettleinghame claims, just a matter of re-educating the user to accept this fact.

Of the future, he says: "There is not the slightest difficulty in permanently supplying this country with all the garden canes it needs and canes for many other purposes. We can grow in this country all canes used with the exception of the rattans and malaccas and any truly tropical cane. We could also build up a useful exporting business."

Homesick Horse

This is the story of a Danish horse whose homesickness probably killed it.

Carl Thomsen, a small-holder from the island of Laeso in the Kattegat, bought a horse on the Jutland mainland. Early one morning his wife was watering the horse when the animal bolted.

For days the horse was hunted in vain until a fisherman found the corpse drifting at sea. The owners thought it had tried to swim the 20 miles from Laeso to Jutland, where it was born.

SOMETHING FOR THE BOYS



THIS is an airview of the almost completed US\$22,500,000 Franklin Delano Roosevelt Veterans' Administration Hospital at Peekskill, New York. Consisting of 37 buildings on 383 acres, the hospital will have facilities for 1955 patients. (Acme)

She never diets



PICTURED here in London is French film actress Marie Dea. In Paris they call her hair style Gribouille—after hours after midnight in the north to 3 a.m. in the southern-most counties.

It is black, cut short, with many gold, "sunbeam" streaks. Marie Dea is slaying with friends in London. She speaks little English, but already she admires Scotsmen: "Very delightful, especially in kilts."

In Paris, Marie Dea has a roof-top flat in the suburb of Passy. She lives alone, has two dogs, a "French fox," and a tan and white spaniel.

She never diets, drinks wine but no spirits, smokes little. She dresses with a Parisian's simple elegance, likes black suits and small, plain hats. I saw her in a shirt-waist dress of black tulle, with shiny buttons from neck to hem, and a plaited primrose belt. Over this went a loose coat of smooth primrose wool.

"Teenicide" Charge

The kind of reckless driving that has been described as "teenicide" caused the arrest of two 14-year-old boys. The arresting officer reported:

"One was driving and the other was in the back seat. The driver opened the door on the right side of the car, climbed on the running board and got into the back seat. At the same time the boy in back opened the left hand back door, walked on the running board to the front door and took over the driving. It was a continuous merry-go-round, one change after the other, and all at a speed of about 30 miles an hour."

The boys were turned over to juvenile authorities.

BLAME TV

Next term all the pupils of Cleveland (Ohio) schools will be kept in an extra hour. They will be expected to do the homework they no longer do at home because of TV during this hour.

Lord Mayor Again Has To Reply

London, June 6. The Lord Mayor of London has found it necessary to reply for the second time to criticisms in the press of the National Thanksgiving Fund which he launched two months ago.

The Fund, whose object is to build a £2,000,000 overseas students' centre in London as an expression of gratitude to the Commonwealth and the United States for help received during the war, continues to arouse controversy in Britain.

In a letter to the Daily Telegraph this week, the Lord Mayor answers criticisms voiced recently by one of the leading columnists of that paper. This writer, he says, had conveyed the impression, first, that the Thanksgiving scheme had been devised by the Government and that the Government had pressed it upon him; second, that the Fund's progress was unsatisfactory.

"Nothing could be further from the facts," said Sir Frederick Rowland, the Lord Mayor.

PROCEDURE

What the Daily Telegraph columnist actually said was this: The timing of the Fund and the buildings upon which it was proposed to spend "have led to more criticism than I can recall in connection with any other Lord Mayor's Fund. This has affected subscriptions. Stirred by these criticisms, the Lord Mayor, I hear, made a significant disclosure at a recent City dinner. The Thanksgiving Fund, he said, was a Government idea which he had been asked to put into action."

To this, Sir Frederick pointed out that it was common knowledge that (apart from where a sudden disaster was concerned) no Lord Mayor launched a national appeal except on the advice and request of the Government. That procedure, he said, had been followed in the present case.

And he added: "But I cannot sufficiently emphasise my entire and wholehearted agreement with the Fund's purpose and objects."

APPRECIATION

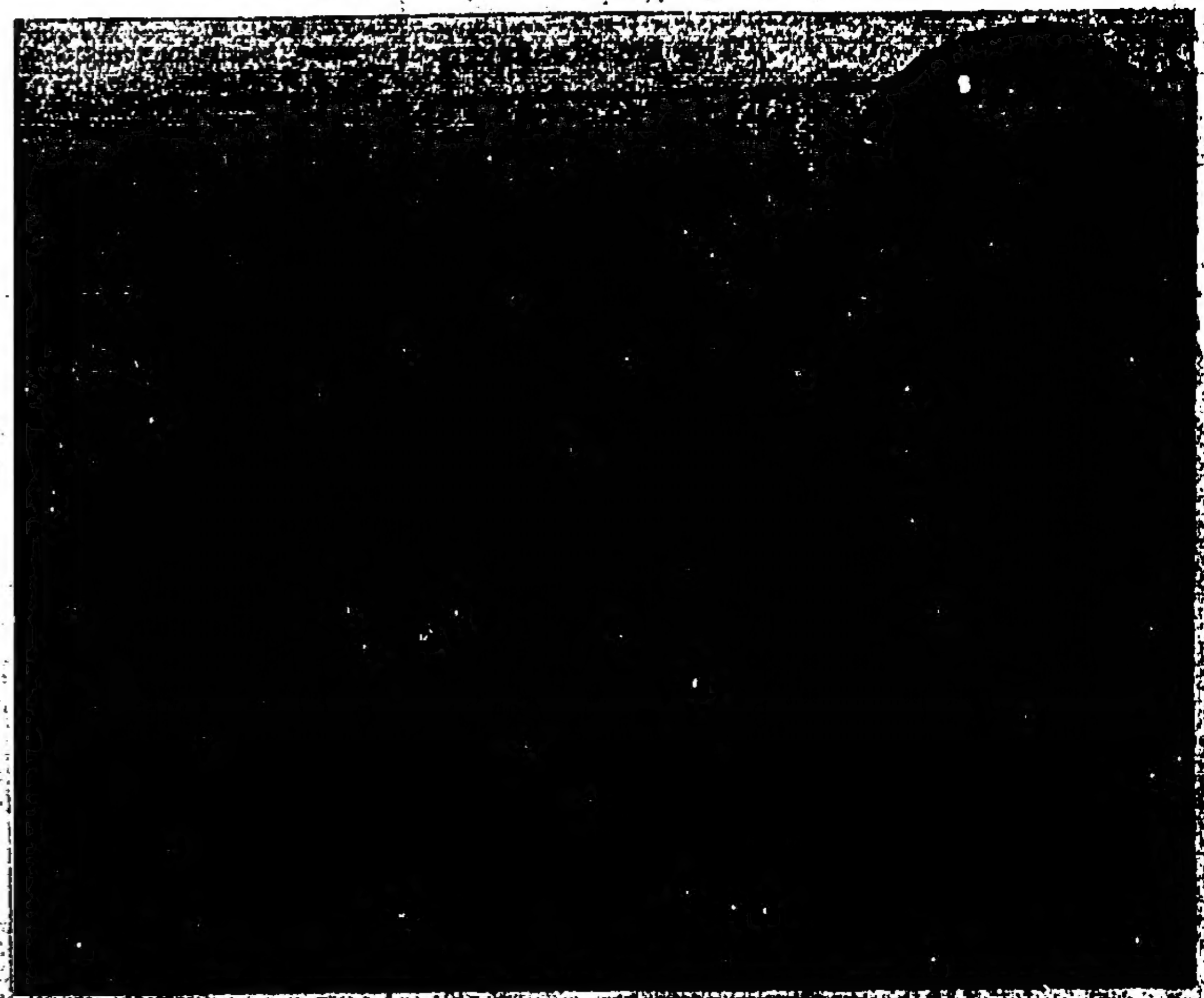
To the suggestion that the Fund's progress was unsatisfactory, the Lord Mayor said that the figures that were available and had been published—the latest figure was, just over £600,000—related only to amounts received by him direct at the Mansion House. They did not allow for the fund-raising activities which were taking place on an increasing scale locally throughout the country.

The Lord Mayor ended his letter with these words: "I cannot sufficiently stress the essential consideration, which is that the response to the Fund should be such as to leave no doubt in the minds of our generous benefactors overseas that their outstanding kindness, often shown at great sacrifice, is deeply appreciated by all of us and will for ever be gratefully remembered."

Dot and Carry

A Jersey cow belonging to a Danish farmer recently fractured a front leg. As the cow was valuable for breeding purposes, the vet decided to amputate. The animal has since been provided with a wooden leg and is apparently quite happy.

THEY'RE FAST FRIENDS

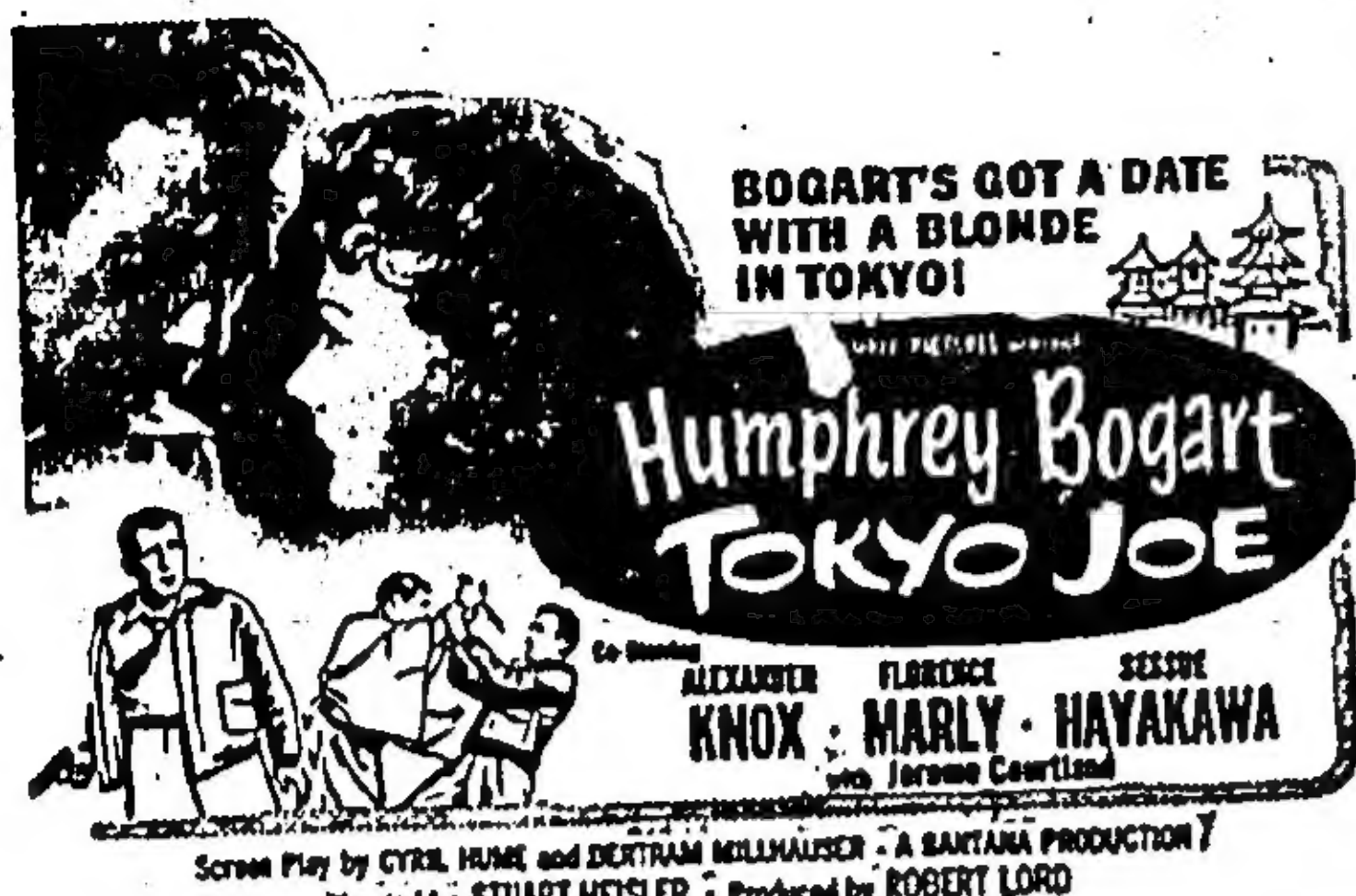


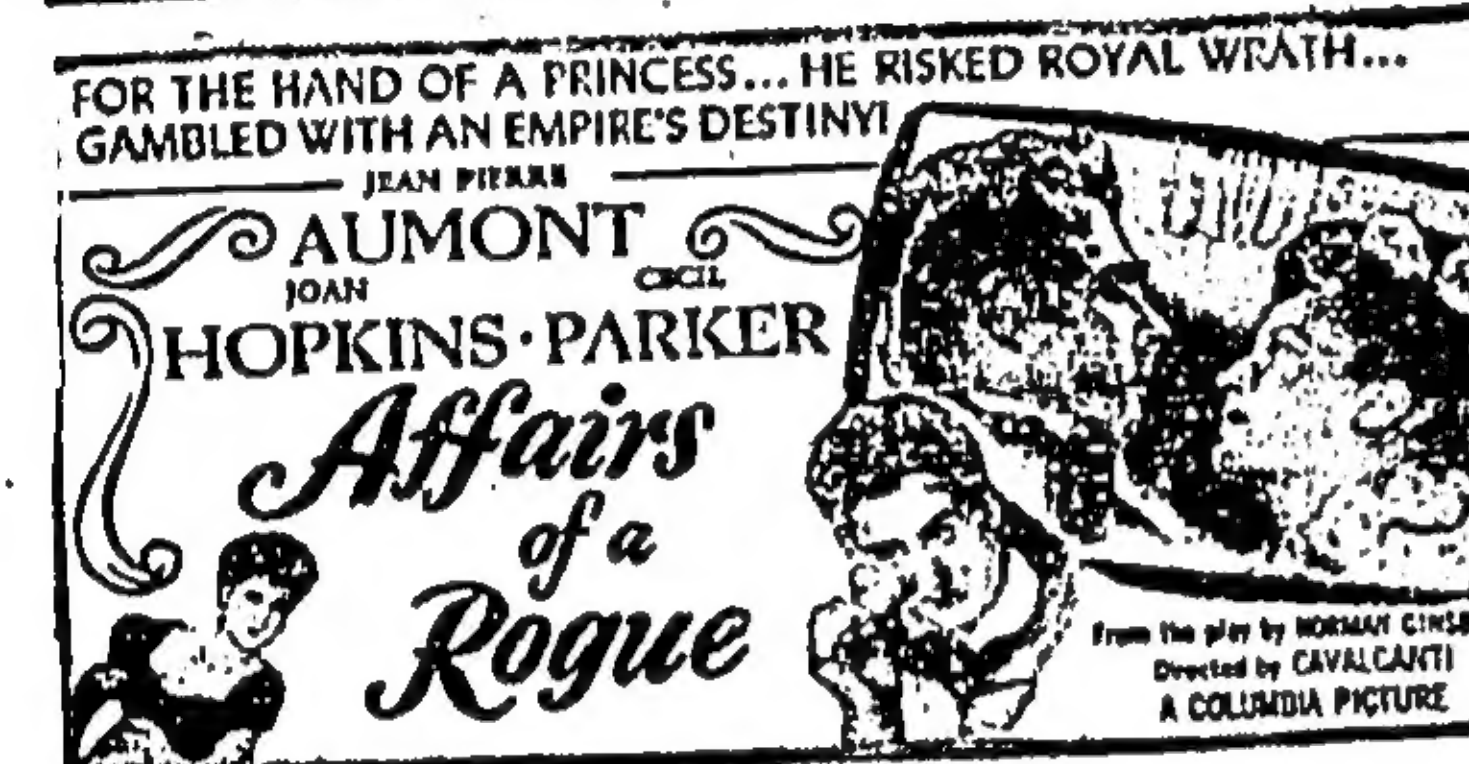
TINY and Pete the boys have become fast friends since the boy's mother was shot while riding the airport commissary at North Bay, Ontario. Pete is giving the family a lively time, but is destined to quiet days of guarding pop for the amusement of tourists. (Acme)

K. O. CANNON WITH WHISPER IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE

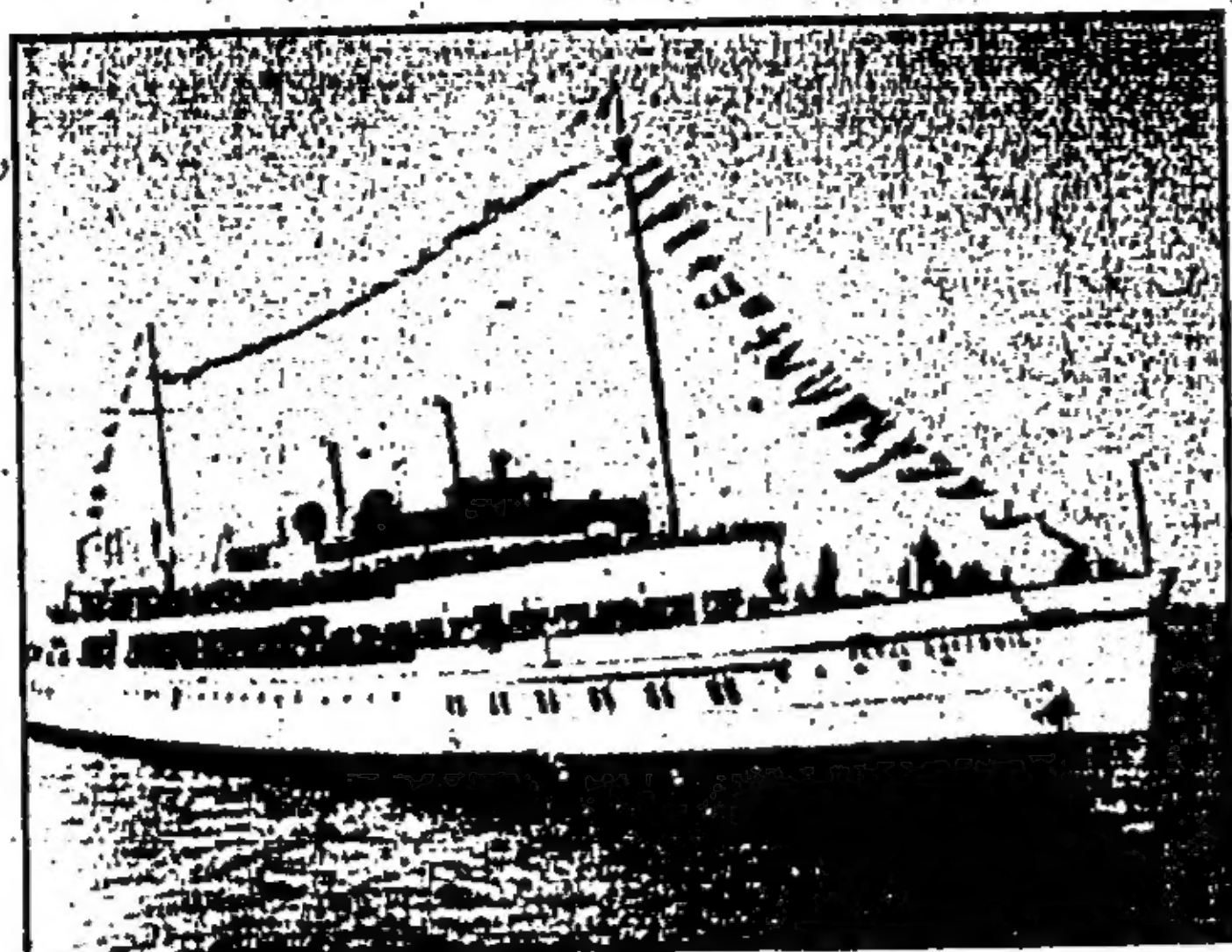
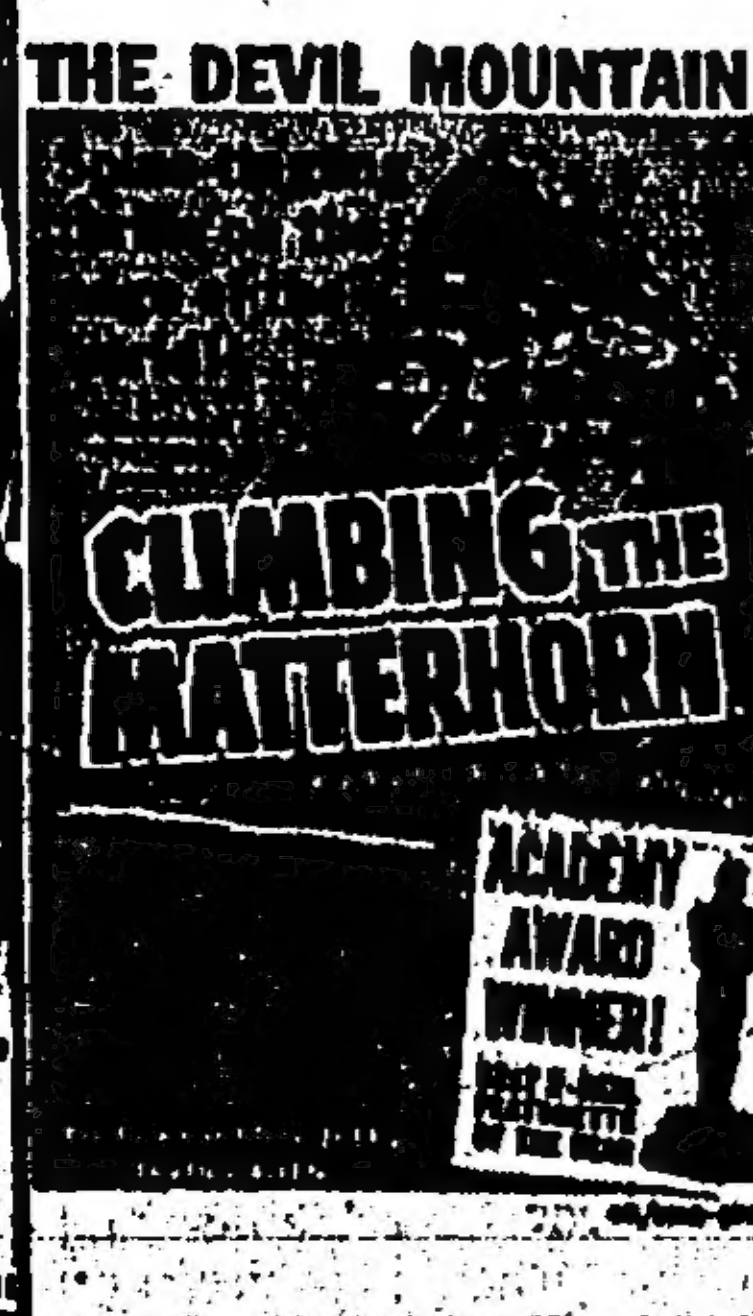


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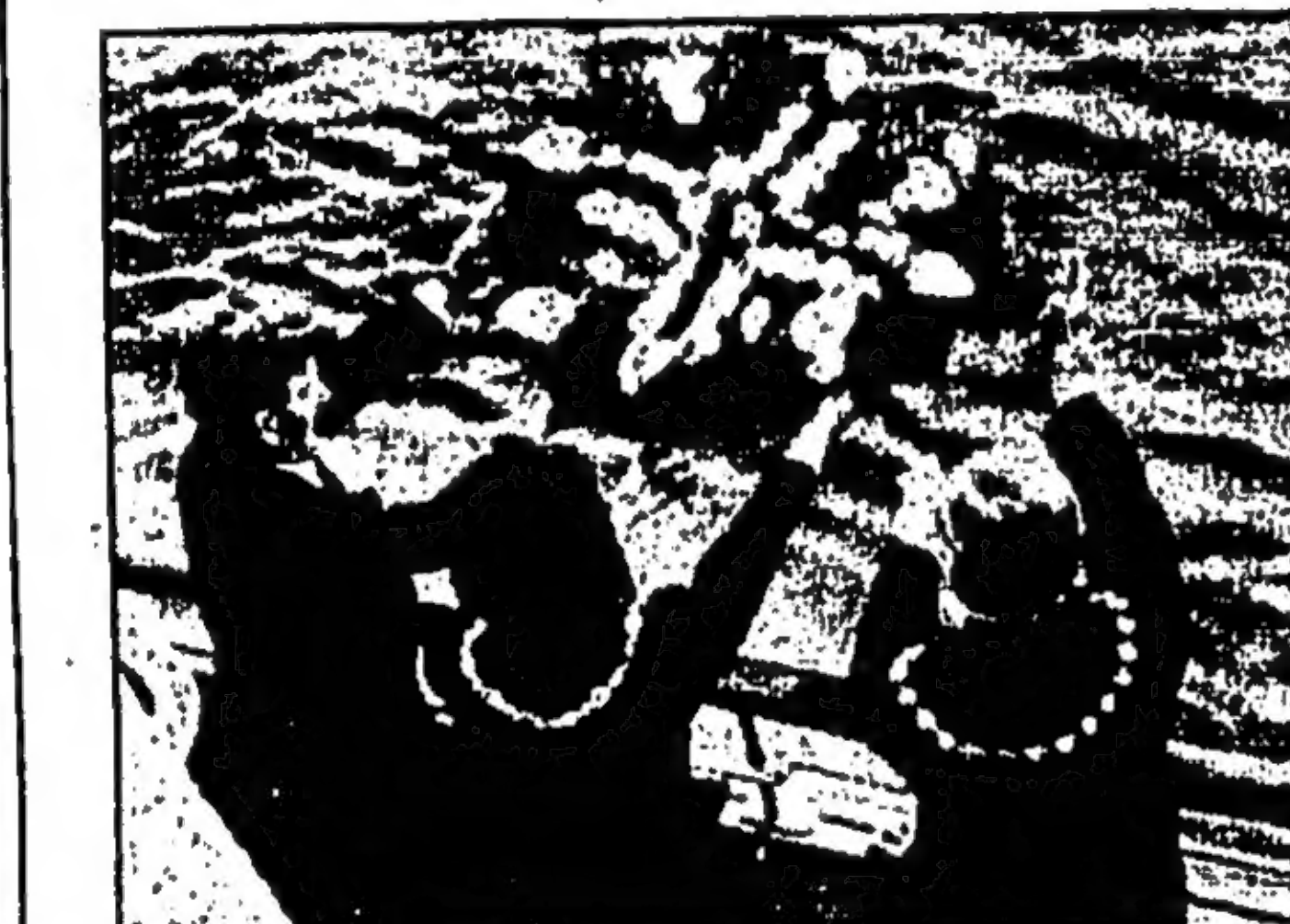
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The pleasure steamer Royal Daffodil, which rescued and brought home nearly 9,000 British and Allied troops out of the hell of Dunkirk in 1940, returning to the famous beaches as part of the 1950 celebrations. The Daffodil made seven trips during that memorable week when the fate of the British Army lay in the balance, and was eventually damaged by an aerial torpedo which cut through three decks and entered the engine room. Between 1941 and 1945 she operated on the Stannar-Larne service, and then the Calais-Dover leave service for BAOR troops. She travelled 170,000 miles on her war service and carried 2,443,973 Service and civilian passengers.



The ramshackle wooden jetty of Dunkirk from which thousands of troops were evacuated in 1940. Gaps in the structure were made by German bombs.



A wreath of red, white and blue flowers is cast in memory of the men who drowned and died of machine gunning and bombing during the historic evacuation. From right to left: Mr C. B. Hosking, the Mayor of Margate, Miss Hosking, the Lady Mayoress, and M. Gustave Robelet, the Mayor of Dunkirk.

They went back to the BEACHES OF DUNKIRK but it was Margate which remembered them

By Peter Lovegrove

THERE was low cloud, poor visibility, little wind and a calm sea as the pleasure steamer, Royal Daffodil, neared the sand dunes of Northern France and Belgium. Gradually we could make out the narrow, shabby wooden jetty of Dunkirk, the oil tanks of France's third greatest port, and the surf breaking on the benches of Malo-les-Bains, Bray and La Panne.

The weather was the weather of May 31, 1940—but 10 years to the day had passed. That ramshackle jetty—it sounds better as the East Mole, as the French call it—had not changed much, though the breaches made by German bombs were no longer covered with improvised bridges made out of stretchers. There was not a soul on it: 10 years ago it had been dark with patient men with bleeding feet and smoke-sore eyes.

Night Into Day

NEW oil tanks stood where their predecessors had blazed furiously turning night into day with vivid hungry flames, and day into night with a thick pall of oily smoke. A few children played with buckets and spades. Workmen in blue overalls were putting up beach huts on the sands where long snake-like columns of men had then made great dark assurances leading down to the water's edge, and even jutting into the sea. And the only other ship to be seen, where hordes of midges, tugs, barges, colliers, motorboats, yachts, skiffs, bawleys, paddle steamers, celboats and waterbuses had helped to snatch 337,000 men from the jaws of imprisonment and death and inscribe the 'Miracle of Dunkirk' in the pages of history, was a bloated rail car ferry plodding stolidly in our wake.

Even our Royal Daffodil, which made seven memorable trips to these waters and brought back nearly 9,000 men before an aerial torpedo cut through three decks into the engine room, had shed her war-paint, and was looking her peaceful, summery best all dressed with bunting, her decks crowded with day trippers.

It was the first time she had been back to Dunkirk, and aboard her were 100 BEF veterans of all ranks and arms, from all walks of life and parts of Britain. They had two things in common; they had lived through that inferno of the beaches and were revisiting the scene of their ordeal, and they had all been evacuated via Margate.

Jetty Of Oars

THERE was Sapper Major D. A. Goldfinch, for instance, who had been with the 2nd Division in the rear-guard, and spent two days at Malo, where his unit built an improvised jetty of derelict oars. He had left on the Grace Fields and transferred to the Royal Sovereign when Grace went up in flames. He also served in Iceland, Middle East, Persia and Iraq. Today he is architect to the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board.

There was Hugh Duckett, a RAMC dispenser with 2nd Field Ambulance, who got away on a Scottish coaster. After service in West Africa, he has been employed on beach evacuation of casualties on the Normandy front. Today he dispenses doctors' prescriptions in Margate.

Or Walter Pattenden of the 4th Bn. Royal Sussex Regiment, who collected a lump of shrapnel in his left arm before a destroyer whiskered him away. After his four days' "picnic" at Malo Jack Costin, a corporal in the Royal West Kents, brought home in a minesweeper.

William Bleasdale, 5th King's Own, one of the last to leave on June 2 on a French boat. Ex-RASC Robert Head of Reading, in a wheelchair, for he will never recover from his spinal injury; he now repairs shoes at the Star and Garter on Richmond Hill.

Reg Wenham, of the 7th Royal Tank Regt., who had to transfer four times from boat to boat before he got away. Major W. Harrington MBE, RA, who travelled by the Royal Daffodil herself. 52-year-old Fred Rickett, a sergeant with the First Tank Brigade, who had dropped few years off his age to go out with the BEF—and a cheerful cock sparrow of a Chelmsford postman, ex-RASC Albert Taylor, now a keen Terrier, whose shoes had to be hacked off his raw feet when he reached Margate.

Moving Tale

ALL there and many others, had a moving tale to tell as the once nightmare scene unfolded again before them and the memories came crowding back.

These men were the guests of Margate, which received 46,000 British and Allied soldiers during that momentous week, and with them on the trip was Mr C.B. Hosking, the Mayor of the Kent seaside town, who cast a wreath in the waters of Dunkirk where men had drowned and died of machine-gunning and bombing as they awaited help.

In the harbour itself, on a rubble-strewn dock still carrying the ravages of war, he handed a casket made of oak from Holy Trinity Church, Margate (destroyed by enemy action in 1943), containing sand from Margate beach, to the Mayor of Dunkirk, who reciprocated with a casket filled with sand from the famous beaches.

Wants To Forget

THIS, incidentally, was the only visible French reaction to our visit. A few idle dock hands lounged about and made signs as the 1,500 Britishers on board the Daffodil cheered and waved. Some children smiled and waved as two coachloads from the ship toured the city. Otherwise, the population stared dully, woodenly. Shattered Dunkirk, grim and tired after her hammering in 1940, years of occupation and eight months' siege in 1944-45, was just not interested. She wants to forget her wounds.

It cannot be easy. Her glories—the beautiful Town Hall, the 16th Century Gothic church of St Elie, the historic belfry, and her great museum which can only just be identified by a bomb-splintered facade here, a solitary doorway there and fragments of wall. Half her docks and floating basins are still twisted masses of concrete and steel; sunken ships lie drunkenly on their sides. Only 15,000 of her prewar population of 40,000 have remained to eke an uncomfortable living in American prefabs. Wild grass grows on every ruin, in every street. Only one landmark remains unscathed—the Statue of Victory, set up in memory of the unsuccessful siege by the Duke of York in 1793.

Rejoicing

BUT if Dunkirk looked sombre and unhappy, Margate was gay and rejoicing. The French tricolour fluttered by the side of the Union Jack as we tied up at the pier. The Band of the Royal Marines was there to welcome the Daffodil and her passengers, with detachments from the destroyer Bleasdale, Gunner and Buffs Territorials forming a guard of honour.

And the people of Margate were there too. Many of them had worked night and day a decade ago to make certain that every man who landed received hot drink, food and warm clothing, transporting the wounded and rendering first aid. They had transformed the amusement park, Dreamland, into a casualty clearing station, the concert hall of the Winter Gardens into a first aid post, made a rest centre of the Sunshire Cafe and a huge dormitory of the Ball-room.

10-Year Wait

THEY had not been allowed to welcome the men on the front line, because of the risk of the Luftwaffe attacking the ports of disembarkation. They had to wait 10 years to express their pride and their thanks to them. And on the night of May 31, 1950, with the pier and the seafont a blaze of thousands of lights, with every ship, yacht, and Skyliner dressed with bunting, they were there in their thousands lining the route along which the Dunkirk veterans marched to a civic reception.

And those reputedly undemonstrative common men and women of Britain at last gave vent to their feelings. It was a moment which everyone who was fortunate enough to be present will never forget.



Veterans returning to the scene of their ordeal. From left to right: RSM A. Lacey, with the 7th Field Regt. at Dunkirk; Major D. A. Goldfinch RE (in 2nd Division); Major W. Harrington, MBE, RA, of the 10th Field Regt.; and Pte A. E. Taylor, RASC, on the sun deck of the Royal Daffodil.

The Hunt Is On For Jungle Treasure

NEW YORK.

A GROUP of fortune-seeking Americans is trying to raise \$12,000 plus the price of a hover plane to search for a lost goldfield up the Amazon River.

They say the original discoverer, 120 years ago, was an Englishman named Robertson, and the goldfield is "as rich as the Rand."

Robertson, whose first name is not known to the fortune-hunters, returned to England and raised money to develop his find. He died in the ship that was taking him back to Brazil.

But a Jamaican geologist believed he knew the general area of the goldfield. It was in the middle of a "lost world," surrounded by disease-ridden swamps, hostile Indians, waterfalls, and rapids.

The geologist disappeared into this wilderness in January 1947. He came back with maps of his travels, 4 lb. of gold, and a handful of diamonds.

Last October he went into the unknown again. The fortune hunters who are backing him and want to finance a scientific exploration have taken out prospecting licences on 12,500 acres of Brazilian jungle.

British and American authors are selling books to Hollywood again at good prices. Before sailing in the Polish liner Batory for Scandinavia, Brigadier Desmond Young said:

he has sold the film rights of his book "Rommel" for a "quite substantial price." Kirk Douglas is to play Rommel. "I am told they are going to make a superduper, whatever that is," said Young.

ONE CONDITION laid down by Rudolf Bing when he moved from England to New York to manage the Metropolitan Opera was that he could bring along his dachshund, Pip. When Mr and Mrs Bing sail for their first visit home, Pip will go along. But if he enters Britain he would have to go into quarantine. So Pip will go on to Paris and stay with friends.

THE FIRST robot department store has opened in Boston. Toys, perfumes, jewellery, neckties, and baby food can be bought from slot machines. But the gadget industry is not satisfied. It has invented a robot which starts a sales talk when a customer walks through an electric beam at the shop counter.

BRITAIN is moving into Fifth Avenue in quest of dollars.

Sir Norman Kipping, director-general of the Federation of British Industries, announced that a new trade promotion centre is being opened in America's famous street of fashion "as soon as partitions and air conditioning can be installed."

NEWELL ROGERS' AMERICAN COLUMN

"A very prominent industrialist" is to be its head, and he will be the personal representative of the Dollar Exports Board.

The Washington staff of the British Export Trade Research Organisation will be moved to New York in line with the organisation's recent link-up with the Federation.

And the British Chamber of Commerce in New York will move into the centre, which will be almost opposite the British Empire building in Rockefeller Centre.

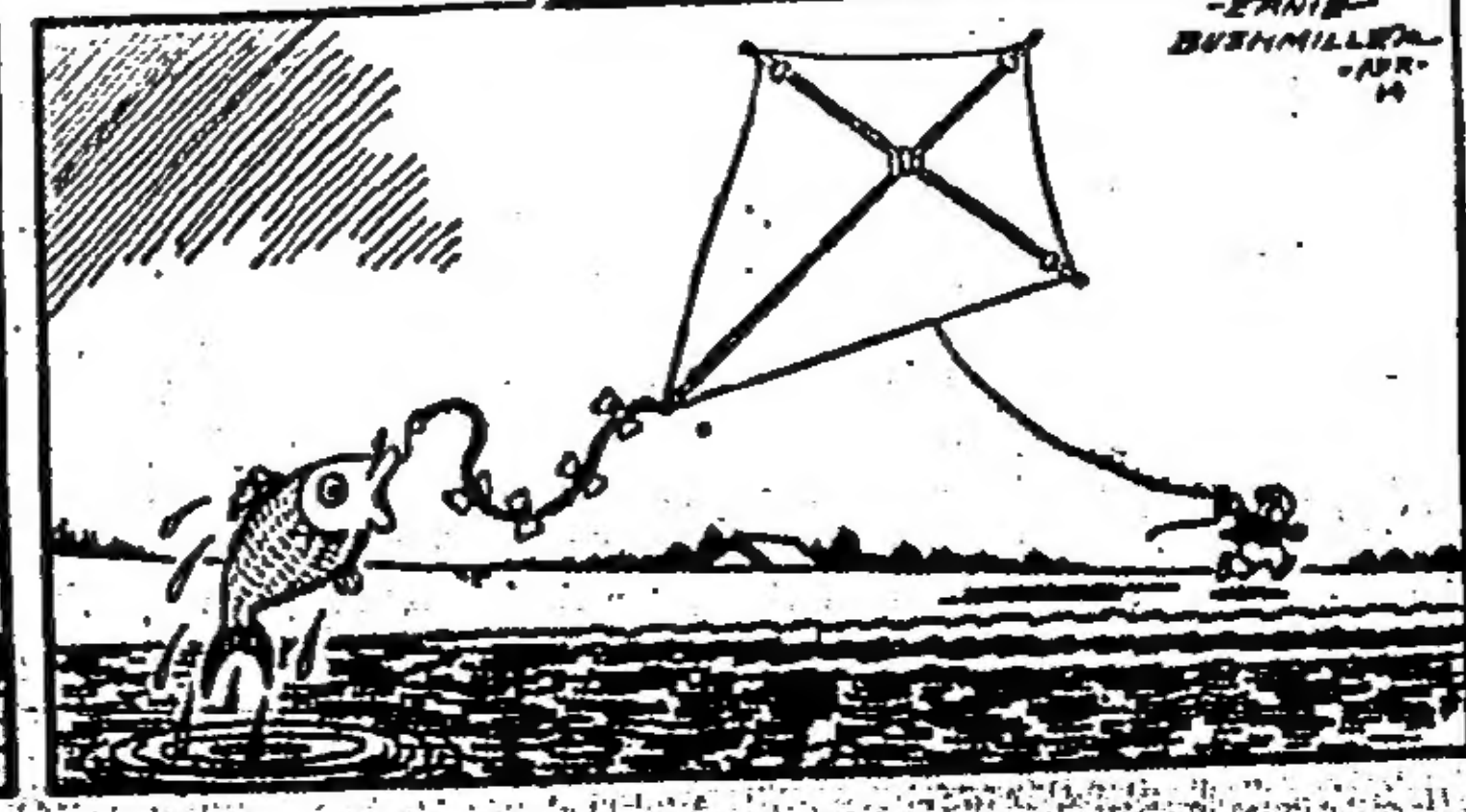
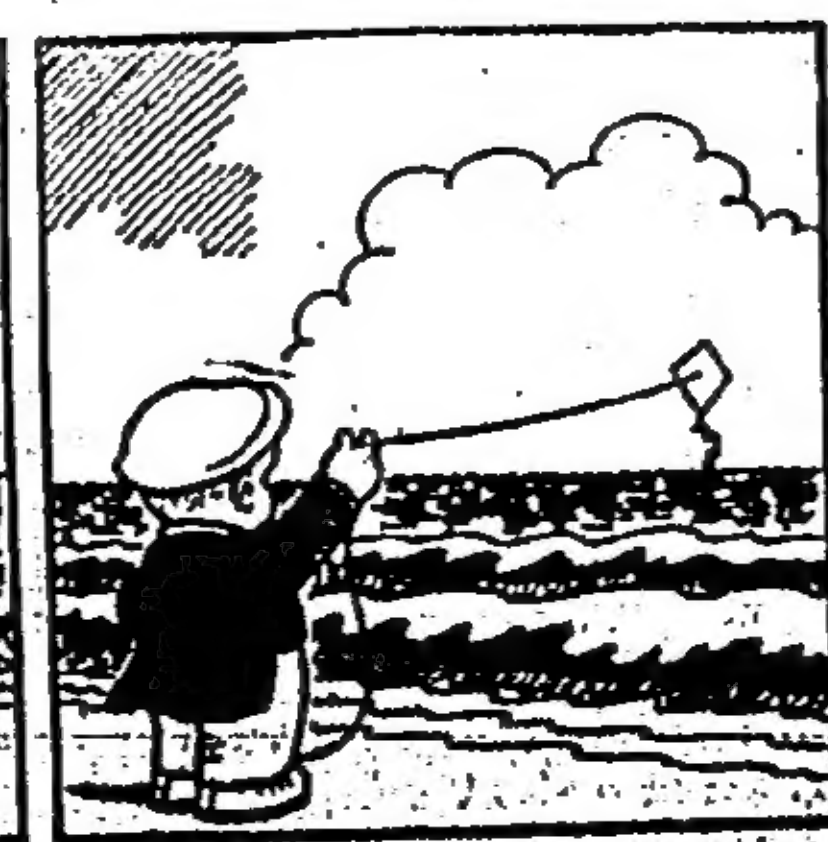
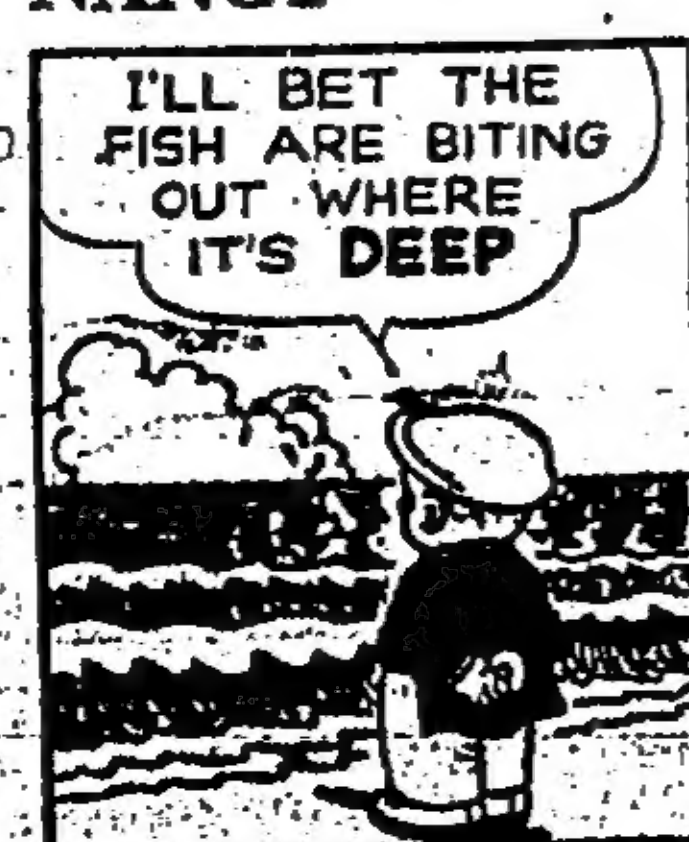
At the centre will be a complete office service for visiting British business men who want to interview American customers.

Secretaries will be on hand to take their letters, and staff will be there to advise on U.S. marketing problems.

The Federation will send over staff from Britain for six-monthly periods to pass on first-hand knowledge of British goods, and take back first-hand knowledge of selling problems in America.

By Ernie Bushmiller

NANCY

Hook, Line and Sinker


Warmongering and lying in Western Press

CORRESPONDENT SAYS, "THE LAST STRAW," AND RESIGNS

Big Three Conference In August

Washington, June 12.—The State Department said today that the Big Three Western Foreign Ministers would meet in New York, probably in August, for a follow-up conference on the results of their recent London meetings.

The State Department spokesman, Michael McDermott, said that Mr. Bevin, and the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, would be in New York for the United Nations General Assembly meeting which convenes in September. The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, will join them for pre-conference talks.

Tentative arrangements for the meeting were made during the Big Three talks in London. Mr. McDermott said there had been no effort or suggestion to bring Russia into the conversations.—United Press.

Youths Break Up Dusseldorf Gathering

Dusseldorf, June 12.—Two hundred blue-shirted Communist youths broke up a rally of Free Democrats at which the former General H. von Manteuffel was supposed to speak tonight.

Carrying a blue flag made familiar during the Berlin Whitehouse demonstration, the youths surged toward the platform where Manteuffel, seated, slugged the speaker with a microphone and forced Manteuffel himself to flee through a rear door under heavy police escort.

The one-time Panzer general was scheduled to speak on "The Generation of the Front" in reference to front-line soldiers during the last war. The meeting was in a restaurant. More than 1,000 persons were present, half of whom seemed to be members of the "Free German Youth" Communist organisation, who came to the meeting in civilian clothes but shed their coats to reveal blue shirts when Manteuffel arrived. They shouted, "Manteuffel, get out," and "Hang the generals" as they rushed the speaker's platform. Members of the Free Democrat Party who tried to intervene were hurled aside.—United Press.

Border Clash Near Jammu

Jammu, June 12.—One officer and five soldiers of the Kashmir State forces were killed yesterday in an exchange of fire with a band of Pakistan troops and about 50 armed Pakistani civilians who, according to reports received here, had crossed into Jammu Province near the border village of Gulabgarh to lift timber.

About 15 "raiders" were believed to have been killed in the encounter, the reports said. The State forces officer leading the patrol returned the fire and the shooting lasted about four hours.

The bodies of the officer and his five men were brought to Jammu and cremated today. The incident, which is considered here as a breach of the Indian-Pakistan cease-fire agreement, has been reported to the United Nations observers in Jammu and Kashmir.—Reuter.

Germany's First Step

Bonn, June 12.—The West German parliament is expected to approve this week Germany's membership in the Council of Europe, which the government considers a major step toward a return of Germany to the community of Western nations.

The Chancellor, Dr. Adenauer, conferred with his foreign policy adviser, Mr. Herbert Blankenhorn, today on a statement he will read to the Lower House during the opening debate on the membership proposal.

Dr. Adenauer, who has been at home for two weeks with pneumonia, will leave his sickbed for the first time to plod for approval against strong Socialist opposition. The proposal, already approved by the Upper House, is expected to pass by a sweeping majority when it comes to the vote probably on Thursday.—United Press.

Berlin, June 12.—Mr. John Peet, Reuter's chief correspondent in Berlin, announced today that he "could no longer serve the Anglo-American warmongers."

He made the announcement at a press conference called by Herr Hans Eisler, head of the East German (pro-Soviet) Information Department.

Mr. Peet thus, in effect, severed his connection with the British Press, which he had served as a Reuter correspondent in Europe for the past four years. Speaking in German, he said: "As a Western journalist, I have become automatically and increasingly a tool of the American-controlled war machine. As an English patriot, democrat and friend of peace, I cannot continue along this path."

Mr. Peet said that the "last straw" was the "lying and warmongering reports in the Western press of the great Whitman Youth peace demonstration in Berlin."

Anglo-American Occupation policies in Germany are aimed at making Western Germany the jumping-off ground for a new war. He assured the conference that he had not been influenced in his decision by Russian money or Central Asiatic truth drugs.

The German staff in Reuter's Berlin Office were taken by surprise when Mr. Peet rang them up from the building of the East German Government Information Service to give them the news of his action.

At today's press conference, which Western correspondents described as a "well-laid-on affair," East Berlin journalists turned up in great numbers and an East German news-reel cameraman was also present.

GRANTED ASYLUM

Mr. Peet told a colleague immediately after the press conference that he had been "granted asylum" by the East German Government, and that he would remain in Berlin to work as a journalist under Herr Eisler.

He said he began negotiations with Herr Eisler directly after the Whitman Rally. He would not return to Reuter's Office or the West side of the town.

Later this afternoon, Reuter's chief representative in Germany, Mr. Alfred Geiringer, spoke to Mr. Peet from Frankfurt on the telephone. Mr. Peet told Mr. Geiringer he had nothing to add to the statement he had made, but went on: "My conversion was a gradual development. It took some time to mature."

He said he kept it a "complete secret from everybody, even my personal friends."

When asked about his family, he said: "It does not matter because I am separating from my wife anyway."

In his press conference statement today, Mr. Peet said that he had been told that Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, the Western Union defence chief, considered that a German Army should be "set up as soon as possible," and that this would "not take very long now."

"LAUGHED SADLY"

He went on: "When I became a Reuter correspondent in 1945, I hoped that, by means of objective reporting from Vienna, Warsaw and Berlin, I could play my small part in helping a peaceful development of Europe and the world."

"At first, in the immediate postwar years, this was to some extent possible, but slowly I discovered that messages which spoke favourably about development, for instance, in the German Democratic Republic, were being suppressed by the newspapers."

"Every Western journalist, if he is honest, can only laugh sadly at the so-called Western freedom of the press. There is a freedom only for the warmongers, and we, the correspondents, are paid to supply the sort of stories that they like."

"But we have no freedom to report truly what is, in fact, going on or to fight for peace."

"I can no longer supply the warmongers with weapons. Thirteen years ago I went to Spain to fight as a simple British democrat in the ranks of the International Brigade for peace and a better world."

"The democratic forces lost that stage of the fight, but we shall win the fight for peace which is now in full swing."

Mr. Peet declared that he had never been a member of the Communist Party.

NO LOOSE ENDS

Mr. Geiringer added that when he questioned Mr. Peet about his "loose ends," he said he has "left no loose ends."

Mr. Robert Peety, Reuter's news editor in Germany—who is based on Frankfurt—also spoke with Mr. Peet, who reiterated that his decision was "not a sudden one."

Mr. Peet was born at Sydenham, London, and is 34 years of age. He comes from a Quaker family, was educated at a Friends (Quaker) school in Yorkshire, where his father, Mr. Hubert W. Peet, was for 17 years editor of "The Friend," a British Quaker weekly, from which he retired at the end of last year.

Mr. Peet served in the International Brigade during the Spanish Civil War from 1937 to 1939, after which he joined the Palestine police force in 1939, working with the Criminal Investigation Department at Haifa.

He later joined the public Information Office in Jerusalem under the British Mandatory Government, where he was news editor from 1943 to 1945, and was in the editorial control of Radio Jerusalem.

He joined Reuter's in 1945 and was assigned a few months later to the Vienna Reuter Office, where he remained for a year before taking up an appointment in the Warsaw Office in December, 1946.

"COURAGEOUS WORDS"

Mr. Peet was in Warsaw until the latter part of 1947, when he was brought back to London for a short period of duty on the London desk before joining the Berlin staff.

He returned to Warsaw in February, 1948, to marry the Countess Christl Oudenius, who then joined him in Berlin. Mrs. Peet is at present in Vienna.

Mr. Peet resigned his membership of the Society of Friends (a Quaker organisation) several years ago.

A version of the press conference issued by DPA, the West German news agency, said that Herr Eisler thanked Mr. Peet for his "courageous words" and appealed to all the representatives of the Western press to break with the warmongers and tell the German people the truth about the dangers lying in Western imperialism.

When Mr. Peet said that his family in England would not be exposed to any threats as a result of his decision, Mr. Eisler interjected: "The British have not yet progressed as far as the Americans."

ADN, the East German (pro-Soviet) news agency, quoted Mr. Peet's statement in full.

According to this version, Mr. Peet declared that "the proud and independent British Empire now follows the slightest word from the American mouth."

WIFE SHOCKED

American warmongering, he declared, "threatens not only the Soviet Union and the People's Democratic Countries, but it will on the way to changing my country, my England, into a powerless American colony."

Mrs. John Peet, the former Countess Christl Oudenius, said in Vienna today that she was "terribly shocked" when she heard the news of her husband's action in Berlin.

"So that is why he sent me away to Vienna," she said, adding: "We are getting a divorce anyway."

Mrs. Peet is staying with her parents in Vienna, together with her child by her first marriage. She was Mr. Peet's second wife.—Reuter.

"MENTAL STRESS"

Berlin, June 12.—Mr. Alfred Geiringer, Reuter's chief representative in Germany, said in a statement tonight: "John Peet had always been a completely objective correspondent in Berlin and until a few weeks ago had shown an equable temperament."

"Recently, however, he had seemed to be under some mental stress which his colleagues attributed to his serious domestic trouble and a recurrence of malaria from which he suffered in the Middle East."

"Whatever views he might have held privately, he never failed to seek and record objectively both the Allied and the Soviet attitudes every time the 'cold war' flared up in Berlin."

"Neither in his writing nor in conversation had he ever given any sign of sympathy for the Communist regime. He appreciated its good points but never glossed over what seemed to him to be bad."

"He was strongly attached to the cultural life of Berlin and particularly appreciated the theatre and music in the Soviet sector, which he regarded as of high quality"—Reuter.

Governor Goes On Leave

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Grantham left by BOAC plane for the United Kingdom this morning. The Governor is taking his first leave since assuming his appointment here in 1947, and will spend some time in the United States. He and Lady Grantham are due back in October.

She's got Truman's goat



A very rare species of goat called "Acrimi," captured on a high Grecian mountain, was offered to Mr. Truman in acknowledgment of the American Aid programme for Greece. The "Acrimi" was sent to the United States by air. Photo shows: A Grecian girl, Agdiki Pipaki, playing with the "Acrimi" a few days before its flight to the U.S.A.

RUSSIANS KEEP UP BOYCOTT

Lake Success, June 12.—Russia and her Eastern European partners failed to show up today, as representatives of some 70 nations began a conference to launch the United Nations expanded programme of technical assistance to the world's underdeveloped areas.

Secretary General Trygve Lie, giving full credit to President Truman whose "Point Four" programme provided the impetus for expanding the United Nations project, told the delegates that the General Assembly "has declared that partisan political considerations shall not enter into the conduct of this programme in any way."

The Chinese Nationalist delegation, whose continued presence in the United Nations was given as the reason for the 21-week-old Soviet boycott of the world organisation, was in its place as the conference began.

But the Russians and their Communist colleagues were conspicuously absent. Poland, in demanding last week that Lie invite Mao Tse-tung's Chinese Communist regime, had indicated that the Soviet states would not attend the conference if the Nationalists were present.

It was the 33rd time that the Russians had exercised their boycott against a United Nations organ. It followed the same pattern the Kremlin decreed last winter when no Russian delegate showed up for the Trusteeship Council session in Geneva.

Lie said that although the United Nations has been giving technical assistance since its start, its aid was on a limited scale and felt short of need. This conference was called to ascertain the total contributions to be made available by the world's governments. A gross of more than \$20,000,000 is expected to be pledged, with the United States giving \$10,000,000 to \$12,500,000.

Lie said: "The impetus for this expansion was given by the President of the United States, Mr. Harry Truman, in his inaugural address in January 1949. Even though the financial base at the beginning will be a comparatively modest one, this programme will develop into an effective instrument for progress, toward higher standards of living and more security for both individuals and nations."—United Press.

Lie told the delegates that the technical assistance conference "is potentially one of the most significant ever called by the United Nations."

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Every year I hafta spend more on Muriel's birthday present—I better make up my mind if I really am in love with her!"

Stanley has interest in Bon Marche

Paris, June 12.—Sidney Stanley, chief witness in the British government bribery investigation in 1948, today sidestepped questions about whether he was negotiating for the purchase of France's Bon Marche department store empire.

Stanley was reached at the Palais de Justice, where he went to press charges against two men he accused of trying to kidnap him last year after he had fled England.

Asked about reports that he was representing American business interests, seeking to buy the department store, Stanley said: "I have taken over properties in much worse shape than the Bon Marche stores, refitted their stock and made them solvent."

"The Bon Marche organisation is fundamentally sound and under proper guidance could become one of the greatest commercial properties in Europe."

He refused, however, to confirm or deny reports that he personally was involved in the Bon Marche negotiations.—United Press.

CAUGHT!

Munich, June 12.—More than 4,000 persons were arrested as they tried to flee from the Soviet to the American Zone of Germany illegally during May, the Bavarian border police reported today.

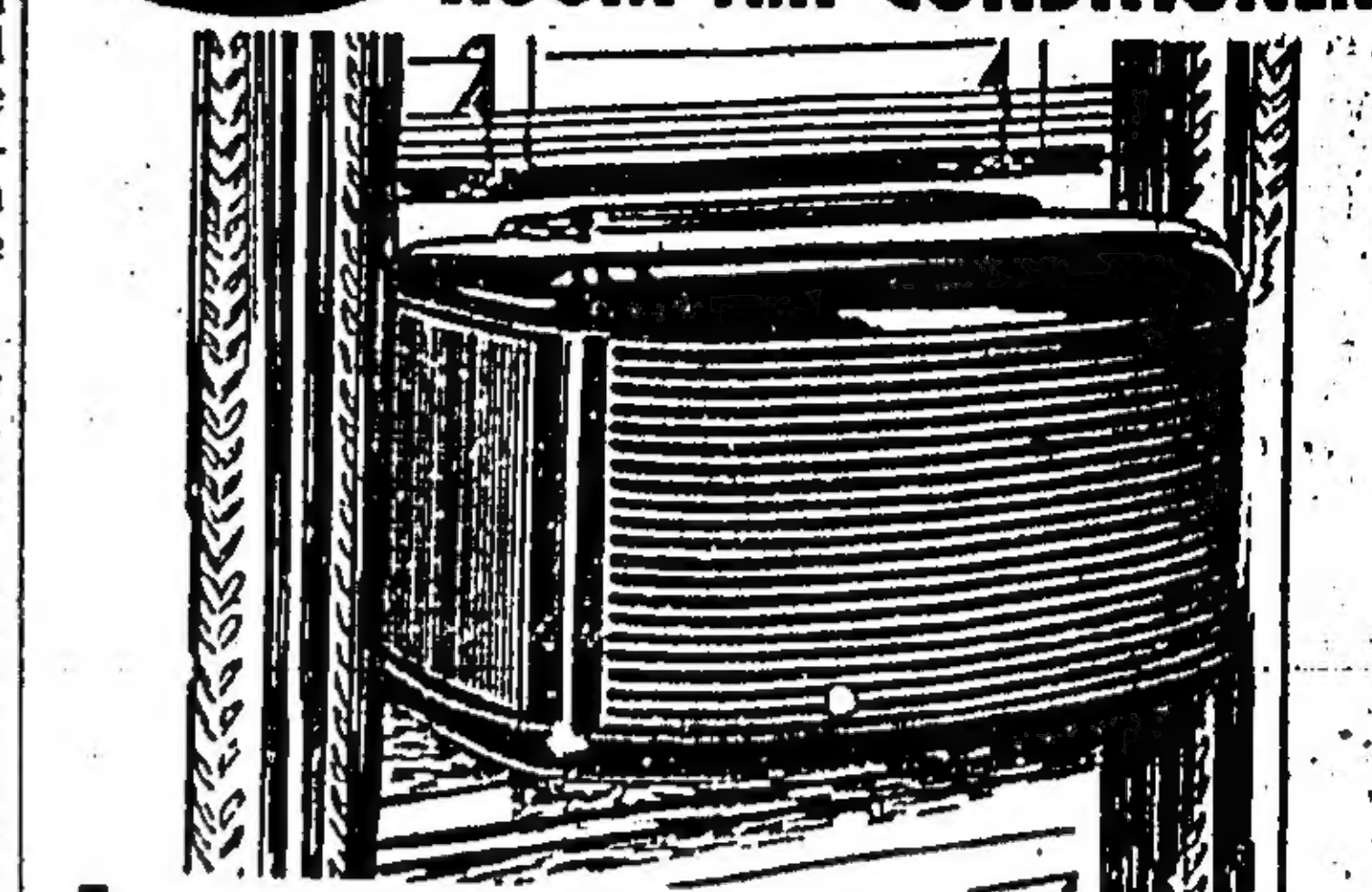
The police said the Bavarian authorities arrested 349 persons who sought to leave the United States Zone illegally. Many of the latter presumably tried to enter the Russian Zone to take part in the Whitman rally in Berlin.—United Press.

Radio Hongkong

11.15 T. "Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary: 6.02, Mantovani and His Orchestra; 6.20, Organ Solo by Dr. G. D. Cunningham; 6.30, Cantonese by Radio-Given by Miss Lee Wei Lan & S. K. Lee Brothers; 7.00, Songs by the Mills Orchestra; 7.15, "Letter from America"—By Alistair Cooke (London Relay); 7.30, Stage and Screen Favourites—By Aileen Woods (Studio); 8.00, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 8.15, "Box 200"—Bert Gillette at the Hammond Organ; 8.30, "Gilbert and Sullivan"—Excerpts from "Iolanthe"; 9.00, "From the Editorials" (London Relay); 9.10, Weather Report; 9.11, Piano Recital by Susan Hauch (Studio); 9.30, Albert Sandler and His Orchestra; 9.40, "It's Dancin' Time" with Alvino Ray and His Orchestra; 10.10, "The Story of 'Tristan Da Cunha'—A Feature Programme About the Loneliest Island in the World (DBCT); 10.40, Oriental Fantasy; 11.00, Radio News Reel (London Relay); 11.05, Weather Report; 11.10, "Goodnight Music"; God Save the King; 11.30, Close Down.

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SPIRITED BATTLES FOR FIRST INNINGS POINTS IN COUNTY MATCHES

London, June 12.—A double century, a bowling hat-trick and several spirited battles for first innings points, which included one tie, marked today's play in the English County Cricket programme.

Charlie Harris, 41-year-old Notts opening bat, who on Saturday against Hampshire recorded his first century of the season, today continued the knock and was undefeated with 239 runs when the Notts innings closed.

He hit two fives and 31 fours while batting nearly eight hours. It was the highest score in his 22 years of first-class cricket.

The second hat-trick of the season was performed by A. E. Rhodes, 33-year-old Derbyshire spinner, who claimed the wickets of three University batsmen in three balls at Oxford.

A scoreboard error led to a drama at Worcester, when the Worcester first innings ended against Yorkshire. The board showed 237 runs, one behind the Yorkshire total, but the scorers discovered an additional extra and it brought the scores level.

FIRST INNINGS TIE

This meant that should the match finish decisively the losing side would gain two points for a first innings tie in the event of a draw each side would get two points.

There had been only two previous instances of a first innings tie since the scoring system was revised before the 1946 season.

E. Leadbeater, young Yorkshire left-breaker, claimed eight Worcester wickets for just over 10 runs apiece.

Fine leg-break bowling by Jim Sims, who is 40, foiled Lancashire's bid for first innings points over Middlesex, but they were only six runs behind. Sims took five wicket for 60 runs.

Alan Moss, young Middlesex bowler, claimed his first County wicket—and a good one too, for he had Cyril Washbrook, the England opening bat, leg-before.

UNUSUAL ROLE

When Kent lost their eighth wicket at Gravesend, they were still 24 runs behind Somerset's first innings total. Douglas Wright, the England spin bowler, was then seen in the unusual role of batsman and he and Edgway carried the score past Somerset before Rutledge fell. Wright went on to make 43 not out.

Northamptonshire looked to be in trouble against Surrey at the Oval, when they lost half their side for 183 runs, but a shrewd partnership between Brown and Davis led to Northamptonshire taking first innings points.

Warwickshire, the leaders, made a determined bid to win at the top Leicestershire's big total in the first County match to be played at Coalville in 37 years.

CLOSE-OF-PLAY SCORES

The following are the close of play scores:
At Lords: Middlesex 263 and 110 for three (Brown 73). Lancashire 257.
At the Oval: Surrey 221 and 471 for five. Northamptonshire 280.

At Oxford: Derbyshire 206 and 108 for four (Elliott 50). Oxford University 216.
At Cambridge: Free Foresters 74 and 240 for five (Valentine 67, Allen 61). Cambridge University 302 for nine declared.

At Gravesend: Somerset 250 and 331 for six (Gimblett 181). Kent 303.

At Worcester: Yorkshire 239 and 193 for six (Coxon 50 not out). Worcester 206.
At Exeter: Essex 274 and 155 for eight. Sussex 303.

At Gloucester: Glamorgan 400 and 24 for two. Gloucestershire 331 (H. Graventy 115, Munner, right-arm off-spin bowler, six for 180).

At Coalville: Leicestershire 363 and 39 for three. Warwickshire 306 (Gardner 95).

At Nottingham: Notts 401. Nottinghamshire 190 for no wicket (McCormick 102 not out, Rogers 72 not out).—Reuter.

COMPTON BULLETIN

London, June 12.—Denis Compton, the Middlesex cricketer, has had all but two of the stitches removed from his right knee, following his recent operation. It is not yet certain when the remaining stitches will be removed. Compton is still unable to get about on the knee.—Reuter.

TEST MATCH

West Indians Never Looked Like Making A Fight Of It

Manchester, June 12.—England won their first home Test match since 1947 when the West Indies, offering only moderate resistance in the final stages, lost by 202 runs at Old Trafford.

The West Indies never looked like making a fight of it from the time that Christiani gave a simple catch to silly mid-off in the third over of the day.

The remaining batsmen hit out in desperation and even Stollmeyer, who batted so correctly on Saturday, was caught off a reckless stroke. The West Indies simply could not achieve the miracle performance which was needed for them to overcome the treacherous Old Trafford pitch.

STRUGGLE FOR RUNS
Whatever the views of the players on the difficulty of playing good cricket on turf from which the ball jumped and

GOLF

Large Foreign Entry For British Open

London, June 12.—More than a dozen countries will be represented in the British Open Golf Championships, to be held at Troon, Scotland, on July 3.

It will, therefore, be an open event in every sense of the word, with entries apart from the British countries, from the United States, Argentina, South Africa, Australia, Belgium, Egypt, Italy, Ceylon, the Sudan and Germany making up the total of 200.

The 36 holes qualifying will be played on the old and Lochgair courses at Troon on July 3 and 4. The competitors will then go into the Championship proper on the Troon old course and after 36 holes a maximum of 40 players will complete the 72 holes of the championship.

There are 34 entries from overseas, including South Africa's holder of the title, Bobby Locke, who beat Harry Bradshaw after a replay last year.

Former Champions, who have entered include Gene Sarazen, of the United States, Johnny Bulla, twice runner-up, and Frank Stenham, who recently won the British Amateur crown.

Australia is also strongly represented with such men as Ossie Pickworth and Norman Von Nida, while Roberto de Vicenzo of the Argentine will be bidding to improve on his third place of 12 months ago.—Reuter.

BOWLS DATES CHANGED

All lawn bowls matches drawn in the Colony Open Pairs, Open Rink and Open Triples, will be played one week later than dates published last Wednesday because of rain. Preliminary round Open Pairs matches set down for yesterday were washed out. Bowls convenors are asked to arrange rinks for the new dates.

VOLLMER GOES TO RED SOX



Outfielder Clyde Vollmer, right, formerly with the Washington Senators, has been acquired by the Boston Red Sox in a trade for Tommy O'Brien and Merrill Combs. Here, Vollmer chats in Boston with his new boss, Manager Joe McCarthy of the Sox.

Archie Quick On TWO NEWCOMERS TO TEST CRICKET

Two 24-year-old cricketers were the only newcomers to force Test match recognition upon themselves for the opening game of the series against the West Indians at Old Trafford. They are men of complete contrasts.

One is George Hubert Doggart, son of a famous father, a Light Blue, a batsman, tall and dark, and a Southerner from Sussex.

The other is Bob Berry, from a working-class Cheshire family, a slow left-arm bowler, short and fair and a northerner from Lancashire.

Doggart, now well on the way to becoming the Admirable Cricketer of sport—the modern C. B. Fry—has played for Cambridge University at five sports—soccer, cricket, squash, golf and fives—and when he made his debut for Sussex at cricket he had the temerity to knock out 215 not out off the Lancashire bowling. He also partnered John Dewar in a Varsity stand of 429. He is a very fine left-half at football, as is only fitting, seeing that his father was A. G. Doggart, the famous Corinthian.

BEING GROOMED?

He comes down from Cambridge after this season's Universities match in which he will skipper the Light Blues and will presumably assist Sussex in August.

He skipped the Rest in the Bradford fiasco and is among the lucky thirteen chosen for Manchester, so it is reasonable to conclude that he is being groomed for the Test vice-captaincy on the Australian tour, if not for the skipper's job itself should Yardley continue to fail with the bat.

I suppose also he will eventually follow James Langridge as Sussex captain, for his father has told me he could spare a year or two for cricket before getting down to the job of earning his living.

Apart from these two, however, youthful talent has not proved itself, and it is a commentary on present-day youngsters that Warwickshire's Tom Doolley (35) and Eric Hollies (37) not only got into the chosen thirteen, but it was desirable.

Add all that to the fact that Yardley, Edrich, Hutton, Bedser, Compton, Simpson and Evans are each 30 or more, and that it leaves only Laker and Bailey in the under 30 class. With Washbrook a casualty and Compton almost certainly one, I honestly cannot see who else should have been chosen, unless it were Royce Jenkins, of Worcester.

SURPRISE, SIDE?

Knowledgeable cricket critics are saying that Warwickshire will be the surprise side of the season, as Worcestershire were last season, and Glamorganshire the season before that.

Field Of 29 For The Ascot Stakes

London, June 12.—A huge field of 29 is expected to go to the post for the Ascot Stakes, to be run over two and a half miles at the opening of the Royal meeting at Ascot tomorrow.

The race is timed to start at 2.45 p.m. GMT and jockeys are as follows:

Aldeborough (F. Barlow), Monticello (R. Poincelot), Courador (A. Wragg), Cappellucci (E. Brit), Sarda (no jockey yet) Chancelor (E. C. Elliott), Strathpey (A. Bressley), Forthright (W. Nevett), Cider Apple (T. Witta), Honorable (Rae Johnston), Father Thames (W. Rickaby), Blue Fox (Gordon Richards), White Cloud (R. Lander), Port Frere (A. Littlewood), Bonaparte (R. Shaw), Claude Duval (Eph Smith), Hillari (H. Packham), Priam (Douglas Smith), Legende d'Amour (N. White), Light Cavalry (A. Roberts), Le Hero (P. Evans), Damsel (J. Sirett), Turkish Huss (James Dwyer), Tarka (W. Smith), Atomic Power (R. Bradley), Eastern Saga (L. Piggott), Potent (J. Egan), Royaliste (D. Greening) and Guerrier (T. Mahon).—Reuter.

U.S. Athletes Win Easily At Belfast

Belfast, June 12.—Harrison Dillard, the United States Olympic sprint champion, tonight set up a Northern Ireland 100 yards record of 9.8 secs. here. He bent by a tenth of a second the record established last year by Charles Peters, of the United States.

Dillard, competing in the Royal Ulster County Athletic meeting, also won the 120 yards hurdles in 14.9 secs. Hugo Malocco, of the United States, broke the Irish 440 yards record. He won in 47.8 secs, seven-tenths of a second better than the previous best, made by another American, Dave Bolen, in Dublin last year.

R. McFarlane, of Canada, was second in this event. Bill Dwyer, who had run second to Dillard in the 100 yards, won the 220 yards for the United States in 22.4 secs. The Northern Ireland mile record was broken by Len Eyre, the English International, who ran a cleverly judged race to beat H. Ashenfelter, of the United States, in 4 mins. 12.2 secs.

The United States squad shattered more Northern Ireland records later in the evening. Roscoe Brown won the 800 yards in 1 min. 55.2 secs. to beat by a fifth of a second the record made in 1936 by F.R. Handley of England.

The three-mile race was won by Ashenfelter in 14 mins. 16.4 secs, which was 13-3/8ths secs. faster than the record established last year by Steve McCooke, of Ireland.—Reuter.

MISRA REACHES THIRD ROUND

Bristol, June 12.—Surrent Misra, former All-Indian Lawn Tennis Champion, won two matches in the men's singles when the West of England Championships opened today. In the first round he defeated D. Whitehead (England) by 6-1 and 6-1, and passed into the third round with a 6-4 and 6-3 win over A. McPherson, another British player.—Reuter.

ON THE RECORD AMERICA IS GETTING RICHER IN MILERS

The outdoor athletic season in the United States—they call it track and field there—is noteworthy for the best crop of mile runners in a decade.

Fastest so far has been Fred Will, former University of Indiana star, with 4 minutes 5.5 seconds. Then comes Horace Ashenfelter, former Pennsylvania State College runner, with 4:07.5, followed by Jim Newcomb of the famed USC Trojans with 4:07.7 and Bob McMillen of Glendale, California, with 4:07.8.

Don Gehrmann, the University of Wisconsin star who shared indoor honours with Will, has done 4:10.2. Bill McGuire of the University of Missouri, 4:10.7, Bob Karnes of the University of Kansas, 4:10.7, and there are quite a number of others trailing up to 4:15.0.

Correspondingly, the times over the Two-Mile route, at which distance the Americans have never been too fast, are also good. Three runners broke 9 minutes on indoor tracks. Indoor times in the event are all faster, but there have been two 9:02 performances outdoors—by McMillen and by the University of Michigan's star distance runner from Canada, Don McEwen, who has also turned in 4:11.7 for the Mile.

In the middle distance runs there have been no really outstanding times returned and generally, though progressively rising with every year, are a little lower in most events than they have been in the past two or three seasons.

Outside of the distance runs, it is the year of the long jumpers, shot and discus throwers. Individual bests in the shot put, are off the best of previous seasons, but the general standard is high.

For example, to rank as one of America's ten best shot-putters, a performance of nearly 53 feet is called for. James Fuchs of Yale, the new world record holder in the event, has done 55 feet 5 1/2 inches. Ole Chandler of the University of New York University, 55 feet 4 1/2 inches and Lew Davis, of Stanford, 54 feet 7 1/2 inches. There are a half-dozen 53-footers.

In the Discus Throw, Victor Franks of Yale leads with 170 feet 2 inches, followed by his team-mate, Jim Fuchs, with 171 feet 8 inches and Byrd Thompson, of the University of Minnesota, with 171 feet 8 inches. Seven others are comfortably over 160 feet, most of them over 165 feet.

In the Long Jump, Gaylord Bryan, of Stanford, Jim Holland, of Northwestern, and Jerome Bille, of Denver, are over 25 feet. Four others are over 24 feet 10 inches in what should rank as the best year for long jumpers in a decade.

In the Pole Vault, though Don Laz and Robert Richards, both of Illinois, were hovering about 15 feet in the indoor season, the outdoor meets have produced only six men over 14 feet, a sharp drop from the dozen and more in the past two or three years.

It is a poor year also for high jumpers. Virgil Severns of Kansas State and Jack Razzetto, of

San Diego State, have gone over 6 feet 8 1/4 inches, but beside another two 6 1/4-footers it is a very lean season.

The hurdlers, outside of USC's Dick Atilesy, claimant to the new world record for the 120 Yards High Hurdles at 13.5 seconds, are not in a class with the men who leaped the barriers in last Olympic year.

The Big Nine Championships, for instance, was won by Russ Merkel of Iowa in 14.4 seconds. Two years ago that time would have hardly placed Merkel in the first five. The low hurdlers are fast compared by the standards of 10 years ago, but they have slowed down on the pace set in the past four years.

The sprinters are as fast as ever, with Charlie Parker of Texas turning in 9.4 seconds and 20 seconds flat for the Century and Furlong, but there isn't as much competition as there was. Neither of Parker's times are likely to enter the record books, both having been made with the help of a following wind.

The middle distance runners are many, but none of them world-beaters. There has been no flat performance faster than 47 seconds for 440 Yards, outside of Herb Kenney, but Tom Cox of Iles Institute has a relay leg of 46.7 seconds with two New York University stars, Hugo Malocco and Reggie Peannman, doing 47.1 and 47.2 seconds, also on relay legs.

The Half Mile has not produced a single really fast run, Bill Pruitt, also a USC Trojan, leading the field with 1 minute 52 seconds.

—"RECORDER".

Women's AAA Insists On Discipline

London, June 12.—Two of Britain's international women sprinters, Sylvia Cheeseman and Doris Batten, both of London, will not be included in any women's Amateur Athletic Association team this year.

This decision, reached by a Committee of the Women's Association, followed a confidential report by Mrs Ruth Taylor, manager of the women's team in the Empire Games at Auckland, New Zealand, last February.

The two athletes were called before the Committee and told of the decision, which was reached because, in the words of the report, they had not been amenable to discipline on the voyage to New Zealand.

Mrs Hughes, the Association Secretary, said that they had not been suspended and are at liberty to run whenever they wish at any meetings in England but they will not be considered for any Association team during the track season.

Miss Cheeseman said that she will appeal against the decision because there are no grounds for alleging that they were not amenable to discipline.—Reuter.

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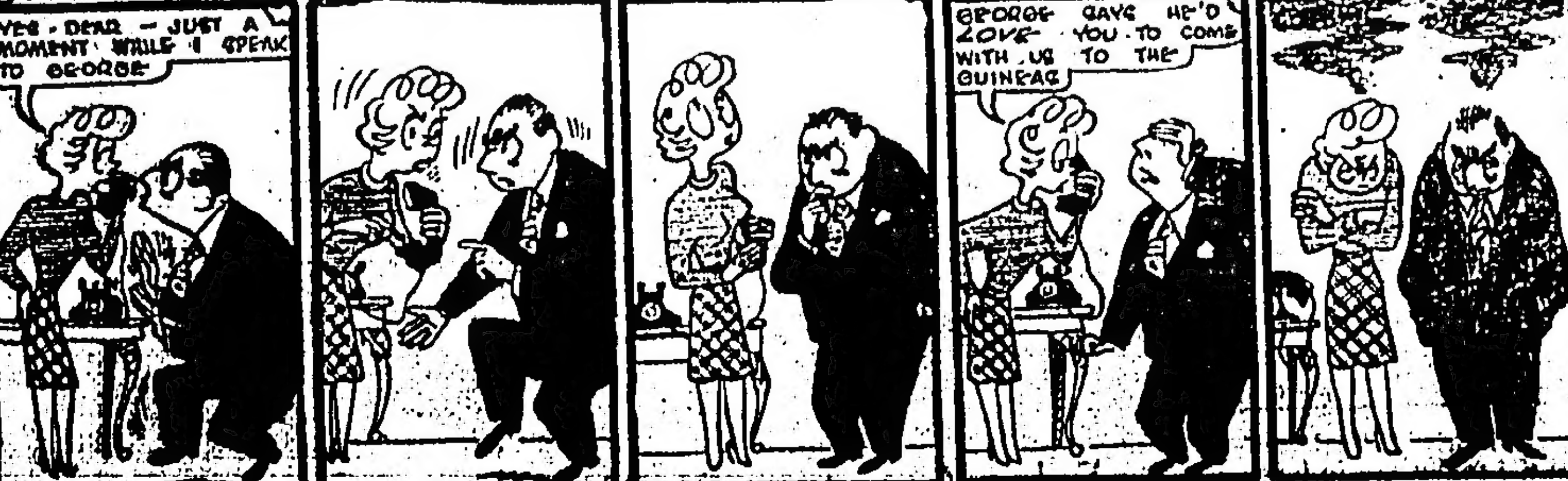
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THE GAMBOLS





Iraq Has Plan To End Arab Dispute

Alexandria, June 12.—The Arab League Council tonight decided to refer back to its Political Committee the question of what action should be taken against Jordan, one of the seven members of the League.

The Council, from which Jordan was absent today, had met to discuss Egypt's demand that Jordan be expelled for incorporating Eastern Palestine without League sanction.

The powerful Political Committee will meet tomorrow to consider an Iraqi proposal to overcome Jordan's differences with the League.

After a one-hour opening meeting of the Council, Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister, Salih Jabur Bey, announced the decision to refer to the Committee the question whether or not Jordan should be expelled.

Egypt's proposal for expulsion of Jordan was made at a recent Cairo meeting of the Political Committee. Representatives of three countries—Saudi Arabia, Syria and the Lebanon—supported her.

Delegations of the other two League States—Iraq and the Yemen—refused to commit themselves, saying that they would have to refer to their Governments for instructions.

SECRET PROPOSAL

A decision to expel Jordan would require the unanimous approval of all member states except Jordan herself.

The decision to refer the question to the Political Committee revived hopes in Egypt tonight that the Arab League's dispute with Jordan over the incorporation of Eastern Palestine may yet be solved.

After tonight's meeting of the Arab League Council, the Iraq Premier, Tewfik El Suweida, hinted that he had a secret proposal, details of which he refused to reveal, that might end the dispute.

He said that he would submit the plan to the Political Committee and hoped it would be acceptable both to Egypt and Jordan.

Iraq, which has royal family ties with King Abdullah of Jordan, has been working hard to find some formula that will save Jordan from being expelled from the League and preserve Arab unity in the Middle East.—Reuter.

ABDULLAH'S DAY

Amman, June 12.—While the leaders of other Arab states were assembling at Alexandria for tonight's Arab League Council discussion on Jordan's incorporation of the West Bank, King Abdullah went to Jerusalem today for the West Jordan public schools' sports day.

Cabinet Ministers and other high officials accompanied him. In addition to the usual events, teams of Palestinian secondary schoolboys, who had had compulsory military training, marched past the king wearing battle dress and bearing rifles. They performed military exercises.

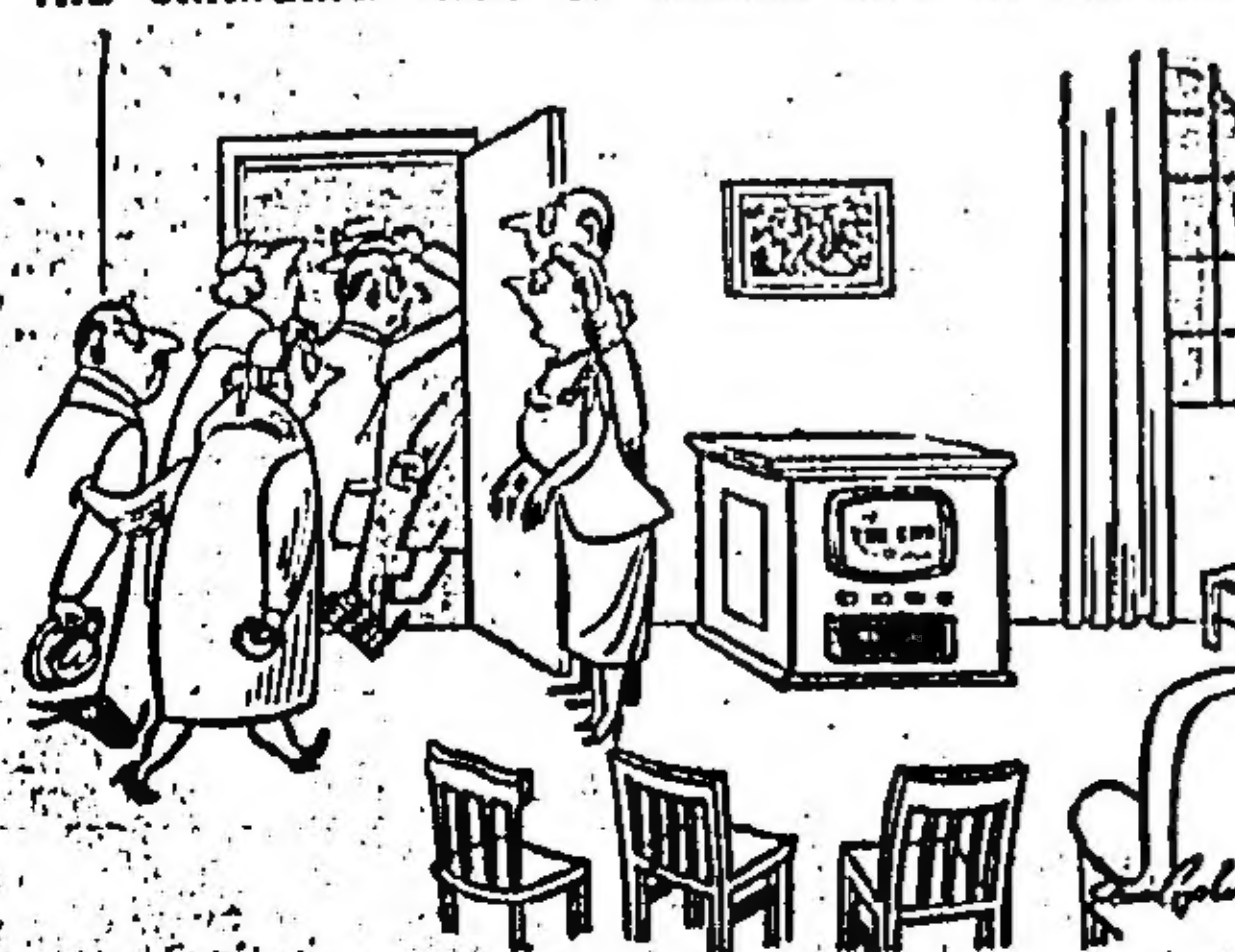
The king's attendance was explained by the keen interest he has taken in Jordan youth's physical accomplishments. It was said to be a mere coincidence that the sports day fell on the same day as the Arab League meeting.—Reuter.

Seretse Moves House

Capetown, June 12.—The Seretse Khama household has packed up and left Serowe, capital of the Bechuanaland tribe, for Lobatse, 200 miles away on the Transvaal border.

Seretse, banned from Bechuanaland for five years because of his marriage, was given special permission to visit Serowe for the birth of his daughter on May 15. Not one of the tribe turned out to see Seretse, his wife—formerly Ruth Williams, of London—and their month-old daughter, Jacquelin, leave.—Reuter.

THE CHANGING FACE OF SOCIAL LIFE IN BRITAIN



"We're terribly, terribly sorry it was such a bad show. —night, really, we are."

Lone Battle Against Flood



A lone Canadian soldier gets a few minutes' rest in the battered Norwood section of flooded Winnipeg after the fight against the flood in this area was abandoned. All not actively fighting the rising waters were urged to flee. (Acme)

Indo-China Exports Down To Dribble

Saigon, June 12.—Indo-Chinese exports have been slashed to a mere dribble by a man who is leading a war of terrorism and consuming hatred against the French.

Ho Chi-minh, 57-year-old Moscow-weaned revolutionary, and his bands have used the scorched earth policy, occupation, and terrorism to harass and frighten the French "exploiters" out of Indo-China.

Although exports have nearly dried up, French businessmen shrug their shoulders and hold on.

Almost all Indo-China's exports and imports are handled through French businessmen or concerns.

There is only one American firm in Indo-China which is represented by Americans—Cal-Tex.

Once one of the biggest exporters of rice in Asia, Indo-China last year exported 137,709 metric tons of rice, and 30,307 metric tons of maize exports both of which are controlled by the government.

Her annual rice production (which at one time accounted for two-thirds of Indo-China's exports) average 7,000,000 metric tons during normal times, according to official statistics.

Pepper exports shrank also in 1949, but was due to the death of almost 30 percent of the pepper plants which were attacked in the roots by parasites.

Although rubber exports dropped sharply, rubber representatives in Saigon feel they are doing "amazingly well" in face of the hardships imposed by the government.

The United States Ambassador, Mr. Alan Kirk, the British Charge d'Affaires, Mr. John Nichols, and other Western envoys sat in the diplomatic gallery. Spectators included the French Premier, Mr. Schuman, and the Foreign Trade Minister, Mr. Oun Touloum, who earlier had visited Lenin's Mausoleum, now exhibiting the vast collection of gifts to Stalin from all countries presented on his 70th birthday in December, 1949.

Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov and other Politburo members sat in the central section of the dais, flanked by members of the Council of Ministers. They were Malenkov, Beria, Voroshilov, Andrejev, Mikoyan, Kaganovich, Shvernik and Voroshilov.

The session was opened by Mr. Alexander Palladin, oldest member of the Supreme Soviet, who hailed the achievements of the Soviet Union in the past four years with over-fulfillment of the five-year plan, resulting in both a reconstruction and a higher living standard.

He particularly stressed the which he said was up to and surpassed the standards of the most advanced foreign countries.

Talodin said the new era of humanity—the Communist era—was linked with the struggle for the peace and happiness of mankind, which he said was possible only under socialism.

Every mention of Stalin brought long ovations.—United Press.

Supreme Soviet In Session

Moscow, June 12.—The Nationalities Council of the Supreme Soviet met in the Grand Palace of the Kremlin today and adopted an agenda similar to the Union Council's. The Councils will meet jointly tomorrow.

The formal session of the second post-war Soviet Parliament opened with a meeting of the Union Council in the marble-walled, crystal-chandeliered former St. Andrew's hall of the Kremlin.

Proceedings were started by the oldest member of the Supreme Soviet a few minutes after the appearance on the dais of the Politburo members, when some 2,000 deputies and guests stood and gave them an ovation.

The United States Ambassador, Mr. Alan Kirk, the British Charge d'Affaires, Mr. John Nichols, and other Western envoys sat in the diplomatic gallery. Spectators included the French Premier, Mr. Schuman, and the Foreign Trade Minister, Mr. Oun Touloum, who earlier had visited Lenin's Mausoleum, now exhibiting the vast collection of gifts to Stalin from all countries presented on his 70th birthday in December, 1949.

Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov and other Politburo members sat in the central section of the dais, flanked by members of the Council of Ministers. They were Malenkov, Beria, Voroshilov, Andrejev, Mikoyan, Kaganovich, Shvernik and Voroshilov.

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Death Of Adm. Harwood

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Infiltration Into Israel Charged

Tel-Aviv, June 12.—Premier David Ben Gurion's own Mapai Party organ, Hador, over the week-end charged "certain quarters" with pursuing what virtually amounts to an "atrocious campaign" against Israel. It did not identify these quarters but said they are not King Abdullah's Transjordan Government.

Colonel Moshe Perlman said: "It is noteworthy that on the incidents in question no complaints were lodged by the Transjordan authorities with the Armistice Commission."

Perlman said: "In the last few weeks the area inside Israel territory south of Hyvon was the scene of widespread attempts of infiltration," but he denied that anything was done beyond taking those who entered at "a point 15 kilometers from the frontier, and ordering them to return to the other side."

Perlman charged that many "Israel farmers and their families were murdered in the middle of the night and their cattle stolen. This experience was charged not only by Jews but by Israeli Arabs. Many Israeli Arab villages in particular suffered losses in life and property at the hands of Arab infiltrators. Some of them asked and were issued, arms by the Israeli authorities for self-protection."

One group of Arabs was sighted crossing the lines near the "triangle" area east of Nalhiya, where the Arab Legion recently transferred a long strip of land to Israel. Mixed Israeli police and mobile mounted patrols have been strengthened at the eastern border to halt infiltration.

Settlers—former French Maguils—sighted the Arabs early in the morning. When their warning went unheeded, there was an exchange of shots. Two Arabs were killed and 10 are believed to have been wounded.

Many reports have been published in the local press about Arab smugglers stealing goods from Israeli villages. Estimates of the influx of Arab infiltrators run as high as 40,000. Travellers from the Arab areas of Palestine report word is going around that Israel is going to be a free zone.

There is also a rising wave of smuggling. Goods and foodstuffs are plentiful in the Arab areas, but there is no money to buy them. Austria and strict control of all essential commodities in Israel make this country an attractive market. The smugglers' job is comparatively simple. They filter into a border village, sell the goods and slip out.—United Press.

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The spokesman said: "There are established principles of government sovereignty which are accepted by all nations. It is forbidden for anyone to cross the frontier of any country without authority. These standard practices are being violated."

He denied torture stories. The spokesman added: "It is common knowledge on both sides of the Palestine border that a sizable wave of Arab illegal immigration into Israel has been under way for two years."

Russia Selling Diamonds

Brussels, June 12.—Gems once owned by Russia's pre-revolutionary bluebloods are being sold by the Soviet authorities on Antwerp's diamond market to buy Belgian electrical equipment. Government sources reported today.

A survey of diamond traders in Antwerp revealed that most of the gems were polished between 1930 and 50 years ago, proving their pre-revolution origin.

Government sources said the diamonds were sold through the Soviet Embassy in Brussels and the proceeds were deposited in a special account at the National Bank of Belgium. These sources estimated the sales at more than US\$5,000,000 since the end of World War II.

A Finance Ministry official said such trading was legal, but a close watch was being kept on the Russian bank account at the bank to prevent the use of funds for propaganda purposes.

Antwerp dealers said the Soviet sales had been considerably stepped up during the last three months. They totalled \$160,000 in April, \$120,000 in May and an estimated \$150,000 so far in June. The dealers complained that the polished stones meant less work for Belgian cutters but denied the reports that the Soviet sales were having any repercussions on the price of diamonds.

Dealers employ a diamond broker in Antwerp who handles all Russian sales.

Finance Ministry officials declined to estimate the size of the Soviet Embassy's bank account here. Other informed sources, however, said it was in the neighbourhood of US\$1,500,000.

The funds it was reliably reported, are used mainly to buy electrical equipment. Government sources said so far the Russian mission had not attempted to buy "potential war materials."

A Soviet Embassy spokesman said: "I wouldn't know anything about such sales. We suggest that you contact our Commercial Attache." The Attache was too busy to answer the telephone, his secretary said. The Belgian authorities said they saw no reason to interfere with the transactions.—United Press.

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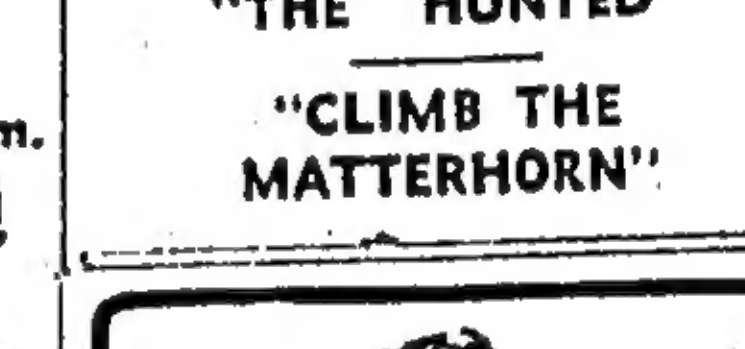
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